

## THE TIMES

### Tomorrow

Defender...  
Bernard Levin takes up his duelling-pen to defend the honour of theatre critics.

...of the faith...  
As the Jesuits prepare to choose a new leader, Peter Nichols looks at the strained relations between this most formidable Roman Catholic order and the Vatican.

Chips...  
Computer Horizons gets into the electronics camera battle and finds the British system that won't break down.

...with everything...  
Complete coverage of the big Bank Holiday sports programme.

### Last of the summer warmth

Bank holiday trippers have been out enjoying what could be the last of the summer. The London Weather Centre said the sunshine should last a few more days but by the end of the week the weather will change.

### Wary response to Soviet offer

Initial Western reaction to Mr Andropov's offer to scrap some SS20 missiles is that the Russians are merely disclosing their true negotiating position, rather than making a fundamental shift.

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### Happy carnival

Six people were arrested for minor offences and a policeman playing football was injured, but the Notting Hill carnival got off to a happy start in the streets of west London.

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### Rally re-enacted

Some 250,000 re-enacted the Martin Luther King "I have a dream" rally, but it was wholly different from the historic event 20 years ago.

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### Home sale fears

Owners of council bungalows could find that their houses are increasingly difficult to sell as a result of structural defects.

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### Bhutto protest

Opponents of the martial law regime in Pakistan have been prevented from holding a demonstration and march at the shrine of former Prime Minister Bhutto.

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### Train death

Police questioned two men after the death of Lucille John, aged 15, of Bristol, who fell from a train near Birmingham on Saturday.

### Angola rebuff

President Dos Santos of Angola, in an interview, rejected any deal over Namibia involving the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

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### £1m jewel haul

Jewelry worth £1m was stolen from a large country house at Rogate, an isolated village near Midhurst, West Sussex.

### Polish surprise

In an unusual move, Poland broadcast the full text of a speech by Lech Wałęsa in which he called for union talks with the government.

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### New record

The world record of Steve Ovett in the 1500 metres has been broken by Sydney Maree, of the United States, in a time of 3min 31.24sec.

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### England held up

New Zealand were 167-5 at close of play in the fourth Cornhill Test against England at Trent Bridge and have to make 344 to win today.

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### Shame

As violence erupts again in Pakistan, The Times presents three extracts from Booker Prize-winner Salman Rushdie's new novel, *Shame*, which takes as its background the feud between President Zia and the late Prime Minister Bhutto. The first part appears in Spectrum today.

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# Begin under pressure to stay as Premier

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Menachem Begin, the ailing 70-year-old Prime Minister of Israel, was under intense political pressure last night to reverse his surprise decision to resign.

Police were rushed to his residence to control crowds demonstrating for him to stay in power, while senior ministers continued trying to persuade the increasingly introverted and depressed leader to think again.

If they fail, it is probable that Israel will be thrust into a bitterly divisive election campaign within the next few months, in which the future of the occupied West Bank will be a central issue.

Even before any final decision has emerged, one deputy minister called yesterday for the general election to be brought forward from 1985 to next spring.

Leaders of the various factions in the right-wing Likud coalition are due to meet Mr Begin this morning in a last ditch attempt to dissuade him from handing his letter of resignation to the president.

But those closest to the Prime Minister seemed sceptical about the chances of success. One Cabinet source quoted the Prime Minister as admitting privately: "I do not feel I am functioning as a man should who bears the responsibility of this office."

In recent years, Mr Begin has suffered two heart attacks and a minor stroke. Both during and after the invasion of Lebanon in June 1982 he has been bitterly criticized inside Israel for failing to exercise a proper grip over his ministers, especially the former Defence Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon.

Under Israeli law, the resignation of a prime minister leads automatically to the resignation of his Cabinet, which then becomes an interim government while the president tries to secure the appointment of a new one with a majority in the Knesset.

To secure a new general election, a simple Knesset majority is needed and it is thought that Likud deputies will try and seize this to prevent any attempt by Labour to form an alternative administration.

By nightfall, Israeli commentators were convinced that Mr Begin had serious personal

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### Retail sales falter as boom fades

By Derek Harris  
Commercial Editor

The fall-off in consumer spending during the middle of August has increased fears in the retail trades that the consumer boom is fizzling out.

The John Lewis Partnership, whose trading returns from their 20 department stores provide a clear guide to retailing trends, reported during the weekend a steep decline in its rate of sales increases.

In the six months to the end of July, the John Lewis stores saw the value of their sales increase by 17 per cent. However, in the week ending August 20, sales were up only 4.5 per cent.

Sales rose by a 16 per cent increase during the first week of the month but in the second week they were up by only 11 per cent.

Mr Colin Paterson, the deputy chairman of British Home Stores and chairman of the Retail Consortium, which represents the majority of Britain's retailers, said: "Spending seems to be dampening down pretty well across the board."

"People are being a little more cautious. Nobody in retailing is talking about a boom at the moment. There are still some real volume gains in sales but they are fairly modest."

The end of the consumer boom is expected to affect Britain's rate of growth.

However, the recent pressures on interest rates to rise again and strong sterling posing problems for exporters, the CBI seems likely to draw back on its growth forecasts.

# Ulster may be 42% Catholic

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

The belief among the pro-Union Protestants in Northern Ireland that they outnumber the mainly nationalist Roman Catholics in the province by a margin of two to one was challenged by a study published in the Belfast Sunday News yesterday.

It shows that the Government's own estimate that Catholics make up only 31.1 per cent of the province's population may be understated by more than 175,000 and that the real percentage of Catholics is 42.7 per cent.

The political implications are obvious with the possibility of Unionists ultimately being outvoted by advocates of a united Ireland being a rather more imminent prospect than even the most pessimistic "loyalist" would predict.

The difficulty in arriving at a

attempted to reduce the city's rate support grant, which is calculated on a per capita basis. After

protests from the city council the Northern Ireland Office set up a working party to "correct" the census returns. The Government accepted its findings that a further 74,000 should be added in respect of Londonderry's population.

The Provisional IRA persuaded or coerced large sections of the Catholic population into boycotting the census, as a result of which the return from republican areas was incomplete.

In the province-wide official

returns only 414,532 people were declared to be Catholics, 28 per cent of the population of almost 1.56 million.

On the basis of the low census

returns, particularly from Londonderry, Treasury cost cutters

# Steel set for early return

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has had a change of heart over the timing of his arrival at next month's party assembly at Harrogate (Our Political Correspondent writes).

It had been his intention, to the dismay of some colleagues, to turn up at the conference towards the end of the week, in time for the leader's concluding address.

But senior party sources said yesterday that Mr Steel has now decided to end his sabbatical earlier in the assembly week, probably in time to chair a meeting of parliamentary colleagues on the Tuesday or Wednesday, September 20 or 21.

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# Basque floods claim more than 30 lives

From Richard Wigg, Bilbao

King Juan Carlos piloted a helicopter over the Basque mountains yesterday to see for himself the devastation caused by torrential rains in northern Spain over the weekend. The floods are the worst for many years and the official death toll last night was 33, with many other people missing, feared swept away by the flood waters.

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, visited

the region on Saturday and promised that central government would provide aid appropriate to a natural catastrophe.

Bilbao, a big industrial city and the capital of Vizcaya, the hardest hit Basque province where 25 bodies were recovered, an improvised food distribution

was reduced yesterday to organize the basics of existence - drinking water and bread for its more than half a million inhabitants. Only a quarter of this city had any electric power and the gas had been cut off to prevent explosions.

In a main square, with the road covered with inches of mud, gaudily dressed women with ponchos took water from the fountains. If they followed the authorities' instructions for protecting health they boiled water twice for 30 minutes.

A huge sky hung overhead and it rained intermittently.

Long queues formed at all the bakers whose shops were open and even at chemists for bottles of mineral water. The police had to intervene at the Bilbao bull ring, an improvised food distribution

centre, telling the crowds to show more discipline.

One woman in the city centre said her family was living on a ration of two bottles of water handed out that morning at the civil governor's office and cold

# TEACHER'S A WELCOME AWAITING.



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TEACHER'S SCOTCH WHISKY

# Civil servants expected to stop opposing Youth Training Scheme

By David Fenton, Labour Correspondent

An obstacle to the success of the £1,000m Youth Training Scheme is likely to be removed tomorrow when Civil Service union leaders agree to hold urgent talks with ministers on allocating places for about 4,000 young people in government offices.

Lack of agreement with eight Civil Service unions has been a source of embarrassment for the Government because it has been urging employers to take part in the scheme while it was unable to provide places in its own "backyard".

Final doubts about union acquiescence were removed at the end of last week when the left-led Society of Civil Servants, representing more than 90,000 executive grade officers, decided to cooperate but also press the Government for extra manpower to deal with the training involved.

The biggest union, the Civil and Public Services Association (CPA), did not take a final decision last week. It decided to await the outcome of tomorrow's meeting of the Council of Civil Service Unions, the umbrella body for the eight unions.

The CPA, along with the other unions, originally gave backing to the Youth Training Scheme, but

that policy was reversed by its left-dominated annual conference in May. Its right-wing executive has since then tried to find a way of cooperating with the scheme while not being in clear breach of the conference vote.

Whitehall has decided not to place the trainees in large departments such as health and social security, defence and employment, apparently because the workload there makes it unlikely that they would receive adequate instruction.

Instead they are to be placed in areas such as the Land Registry, the Forestry Commission, the Royal Mint, the Department of National Savings and Ordnance Survey. The CPSA position is critical to the success of the scheme because many of its members in clerical areas will be working alongside the young people.

Union hostility to the proposals drawn up by the Manpower and Personnel Office, has been based on the Government's reluctance to provide extra staff to cope with the training, union facilities for monitoring the schemes or assurances on the amount of training to be given.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the

## Thatcher to visit troops in Germany

By Rodney Cowton, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister will be visiting West Germany for two days towards the end of next month. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to have talks with Herr Kohl, the German Chancellor, and also to visit British forces based there.

He says: "I do believe that a human element is indispensable between nations as institutions. Reflect for a moment on the fact that neither of the present leaders of the super-powers has ever set foot in the sphere of the other. Khrushchev was not my hero. But it is worth recalling the impact on him of the sight of an American grain-field."

Lord Carrington, who says that "Moscow is already a decaying Byzantium and that the West should not be afraid to 'subvert by example'", says that there must now be a new approach to East-West relations.

"We need something less sentimental and less divisive than defeat. We must deal with the Russians simply because they are there. We must be more realistic. Experience has taught us not to harbour illusions about a short-term change of heart in Moscow.

"We therefore need to achieve at least a change of behaviour in the longer term by persistent alliance diplomacy. And it must be a policy that makes maximum use of all the cards in the West's hands."

## Nigg yard pickets restricted

The police have placed a limit of six pickets on the number permitted outside Highland Fabricators' oil platform yard at Nigg on the Cromarty Firth today.

The company will attempt to restart production at the yard this morning after a three-day drive to reemploy 1,600 of the 2,000 highly paid workers dismissed after an unofficial strike.

Mr Rab Wilson, the yard convenor, said a senior police officer had told him that strict picketing rules would be enforced. Mr Wilson said his members did not seek confrontation, however they would try to persuade anyone turning up for work not to cross the picket line.

A spokesman for the Highland Police confirmed there would be a police presence, but said: "It will be a very low key affair."

The company claims that more than 400 men have accepted the return to work. Copies of the new terms and conditions have been posted to the remaining selected workers in an attempt to encourage them back.

In the fifth round the two leaders, Mirey and Razvayev of the Soviet Union, drew a brief game of 23 moves. Kosten came up to equal them by beating Whitehead, and Nunn won a brief game of 22 moves against Heintzka.

At the end of round five the leading scores are: Kosten, Mirey and Razvayev 4½; Levitt, Matanovic, Nunn, Quinteiro and W. Watson 4.

The results on the top 20 boards in round five were Razvayev ½; Mirey ½; Kosten 1; Whitehead ½; Nunn 1; Heintzka 0; Nykopp 0; Quinteiro 1; Belliss 0; Matanovic 1; Watson 1; Popovych ½; Levitt 1; Lane 0; Watson ½; Clestiens ½; Black 1; Arkell 0; King 0; Miskin ½; Fischbick ½; Law ½; Hund ½; De Jong 0; Cox 1; Kotek ½; Dryan ½. The games between Hartree and Tarjan, Whicker and Britton and Gatum and Thipsay were adjourned.

Mr Scargill left Moscow on Saturday shortly after making his speech to a trade union conference.

It ends today with a ringing declaration supporting Soviet peace policies, but Mr Scargill said that he had to leave early to deal with pit closures at home.

Mr Scargill, who said when he arrived that he was not going to be controversial, attacked Britain and the United States for risking nuclear confrontation.

He said that capitalist leaders were "blind and stupid". He praised Soviet disarmament proposals including Mr Yuri Andropov's offer on Friday to destroy some SS20 missiles.

Mr Scargill said that capitalism was in crisis, and therefore aggressive. Both Central America and the Falklands "dangerous" interference in the affairs of others.

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## Celtic saint's head buried in England by visiting author, don says

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The stolen head of a Celtic saint lies secretly buried in the back garden of a house in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, on the hillside that echoes her name, a historian claims.

Mr Colin Richmond, who proposes that extraordinary theory, has an even more bizarre explanation: it was buried there in 1963 by Jorge Luis Borges, Argentina's greatest writer, to his grandmother.

Mr Richmond's account of how he came to that unlikely conclusion is a classic piece of historical detective work. He is a history don at Keele University, and he pursued the mystery through obscure archives and long-forgotten documents, helped by strange coincidences, until his theory passed two conclusive tests.

He deduced that the head must have been stolen from Fribourg, in Switzerland, on July 10, 1868. The Dean of Fribourg Cathedral confirmed the facts from his records.

He deduced that Señor Borges had taken the head to his grandmother's former home in Stoke when he visited the city 20 years ago. The occupier, who died earlier this year, confirmed to Mr Richmond that indeed the great man had brought a mysterious box with him, and asked permission to bury it there.

And so the head of St Penkelt rests in the shadow of Penkhull as Señor Borges's tribute to Fanny Haslam, his adored English grandmother.

The key to the secret of the

missing head was hidden in the notebooks and papers of Edmund Bishop, the 19th-century scholar, and expert on liturgy and theology with a passion for saints. He was later a leading influence in the Modernist movement in the Roman Catholic church.

Bishop travelled across Europe in 1868, filling notebooks as he went. But he suppressed two suspicious facts about that journey: the first that he had been to Fribourg, and the second that he had met an attractive young woman with whom he appears to have fallen in love, Fanny Haslam.

He wrote to Baron von Hugel, his friend, about her, but his notebooks refer cryptically only to a person called "FH".

They were together in that town in July 10, 1868: the notebooks record that they were on one side of it, in Berne, on July 9, and on the other in Lausanne, on July 11.

Bishop would certainly have visited the cathedral and its museum, as he did whenever he went. He accidentally gave the game away in an article he wrote for the Woolhope Club, a body of Victorian antiquarians. In the proceedings of the club for October, 1868, he wrote: "St Penkelt's head found its way into the cathedral of St Nicholas at Fribourg, where it was until recently".

It seems the couple may have quarrelled, perhaps on that very day the head disappeared, for "FH" disappeared too, from Bishop's notebook and his life. Fanny Haslam went to Argentina.

Shop girls patronizing to men

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

A new test-tube baby procedure, involving the transfer of eggs between women, is likely to be used for the first time in Britain within a few months.

A state ethics committee in Victoria, Australia, last week approved the "donor egg" process pioneered by Dr Alan Trounson of Monash University, Melbourne. The state authorities had earlier imposed a moratorium on his work, which has not yet led to a successful birth from a donated egg.

The Australian go-ahead has encouraged British fertility clinics, which had been held back by uncertainties over its ethical implications. The process would benefit anyone who cannot produce healthy eggs or who carries a serious inherited disease.

Sperm from a woman's husband fertilizes an egg extracted from an anonymous donor. The egg is then implanted in his wife and, if all goes well, develops into a healthy foetus.

Professor Ian Craft of the Cromwell Hospital, London, said yesterday that he had applied to his hospital's ethics committee to use the donor egg process but it had not reached a decision. Asked when he might be in a position to go ahead, he replied: "I do not see why it should not happen within six months."

Professor Craft pointed out that committees of the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists had approved the implantation of donated eggs.

He did not feel obliged to wait for the recommendations of Mrs Mary Warnock's committee, set

up by the Government to consider the ethics of test-tube fertilization. The committee is due to report next year.

But Dr Tom Lind of Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, said he would feel bound to wait for the Warnock decision. He is seeking £25,000 in private funds to set up a test-tube baby clinic using donor eggs, to treat women known to carry genetic disorders like Duchenne muscular dystrophy and haemophilia.

Supporters of the donor egg process see no ethical objections.

"I do not see any difference in principle between donor eggs and donor sperm", Professor Craft said.

Artificial insemination by donor, in which the wife of an infertile man is inseminated by donated semen, is now a common procedure.

Although there seems to be no technical reason why the donor egg process should fail to produce healthy babies, it will be difficult to administer. For example, the monthly cycles of the donor and the would-be mother should be synchronized for implantation to take place successfully.

Most infertile women do produce healthy eggs, but fertilization is prevented by other abnormalities in the reproductive system.

They will be helped by the conventional test-tube process with improved techniques of egg extraction and implantation. The group requiring donor egg treatment is relatively small, Professor Craft said, but very important.

## Inquiry on 'forced' confession

From Arthur Osman in Birmingham

West Midlands police confirmed yesterday they were conducting an internal inquiry into an allegation that a man now serving a 15-year prison sentence had been forced to confess by having plastic bags forced over his head to prevent him breathing.

Harry Treadaway, aged 38, of Birmingham, was found guilty at Leicestershire Crown Court in March of two charges of armed robbery at post offices in the West Midlands when a total of £11,000 was stolen and two charges of conspiracy.

Mr Treadaway, who was arrested in April 1982, denied any part in the robberies. He alleged that members of the West Midlands serious crimes squad had put plastic bags over his head to force him to confess and to sign a statement of his guilt.

At his trial, the evidence against him consisted of a statement by an informer and his own "confession" which it was said, had been dictated to officers of the serious crimes squad.

A police spokesman in Birmingham said that he had no knowledge of another alleged incident involving plastic bags by officers of the squad in 1981, when a man named Keith Twitchell, aged 46, claimed he had also been forced to sign a confession after the same treatment.

He is now serving 20 years for manslaughter and armed robbery after his conviction which followed the fatal shooting of a Security guard in an £11,000 wage robbery at Willenhall, West Midlands.

## Police act on public complaints

By David Hewson

Scotland Yard is to reorganize its handling of serious complaints against Metropolitan Police officers after a gradual reduction in the number of complaints from the public.

Nearly half of the 100-member investigation team of Scotland Yard is expected to be transferred to the force's 24 districts to deal with less serious complaints, such as incivility towards members of the public.

Last year there was a 6 per cent fall in the number of complaints against the force, and 253 complaints, representing 3 per cent of the total investigated, were upheld.

The number of serious complaints, involving allegations such as corruption and assault, has continued to fall, while there has been a slight rise in the number of minor complaints.

Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has expressed concern about the time taken to investigate minor complaints.

Scotland Yard said: "Plans are being formulated to transfer some skilled and experienced officers from the central Complaints Investigation Branch to district complaints units where they can help local officers to deal more effectively with the less serious complaints."

It is expected this shift in the balance will speed up investigations.

Mr Albert Langham, the independent ombudsman, said that any serious complaints which attracted public concern and called for special attention would be handled by an ad-hoc investigative team of officers

## Anglers escape sinking boat

By David Hewson

Twelve anglers were brought ashore safely at Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd, yesterday after their boat started leaking.

The 35-ft cabin cruiser, Aqua Star, started to take in water off the Little Orme headland and limped back two miles to Rhos-on-Sea, where it was beached in the breakers. The anglers were taken off by dinghy, and the boat sank later.

Christening trip

Mr Peter Marchant, aged 28, and his wife Jan, aged 34, flew 6,000 miles from their home in Johannesburg to have their two children christened yesterday in Peterborough Cathedral, where they were married six years ago.

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## Airey home-owners find defects make houses unsaleable

By Barrie Phillips, Property Correspondent

Thousands of council tenants who are preparing to buy their homes could find themselves the owners of blighted property that will become difficult, and in some cases impossible, to sell.

The properties, such as the Airey-type homes, were built using precast concrete and during the last three years they have been found to suffer from serious structural defects.

The most serious defect is the corrosion of the metal supports which can render the houses unstable and in danger of collapsing.

About 26,000 of these houses were built and 2,000 are already in private ownership through council and nationalized industry sales.

While discounts of up to 60 per cent are being offered to council tenants to tempt them into home ownership, under the Government's right to buy scheme, potential owners should check carefully the condition and type of house they wish to buy from the council.

The council, Mr and Mrs Simon Browning of Hengrove, Bristol, are desperate to move. Mr Browning, who has been made redundant five times in the past five years has secured a new job in Redruth, Cornwall, as a government training officer.

For the past six months he has been living during the week in Redruth, spending the weekends with his family. Their inability to sell the family home has put tremendous strains on their finances and they are already heavily in debt.

The Browns asked Bristol City Council to buy back their home at 129, Fosse Way. Mr Browning adds that unless something happens very quickly he will have to give up his job and go back on the dole.

But the council is refusing to buy back their home. At Mr John Tanner, the director of housing, was suggested the reason for was not previous council tenants.

Mrs Browning said last week that only one building society, the Abbey National, had intimated that it would consider a mortgage on the house.

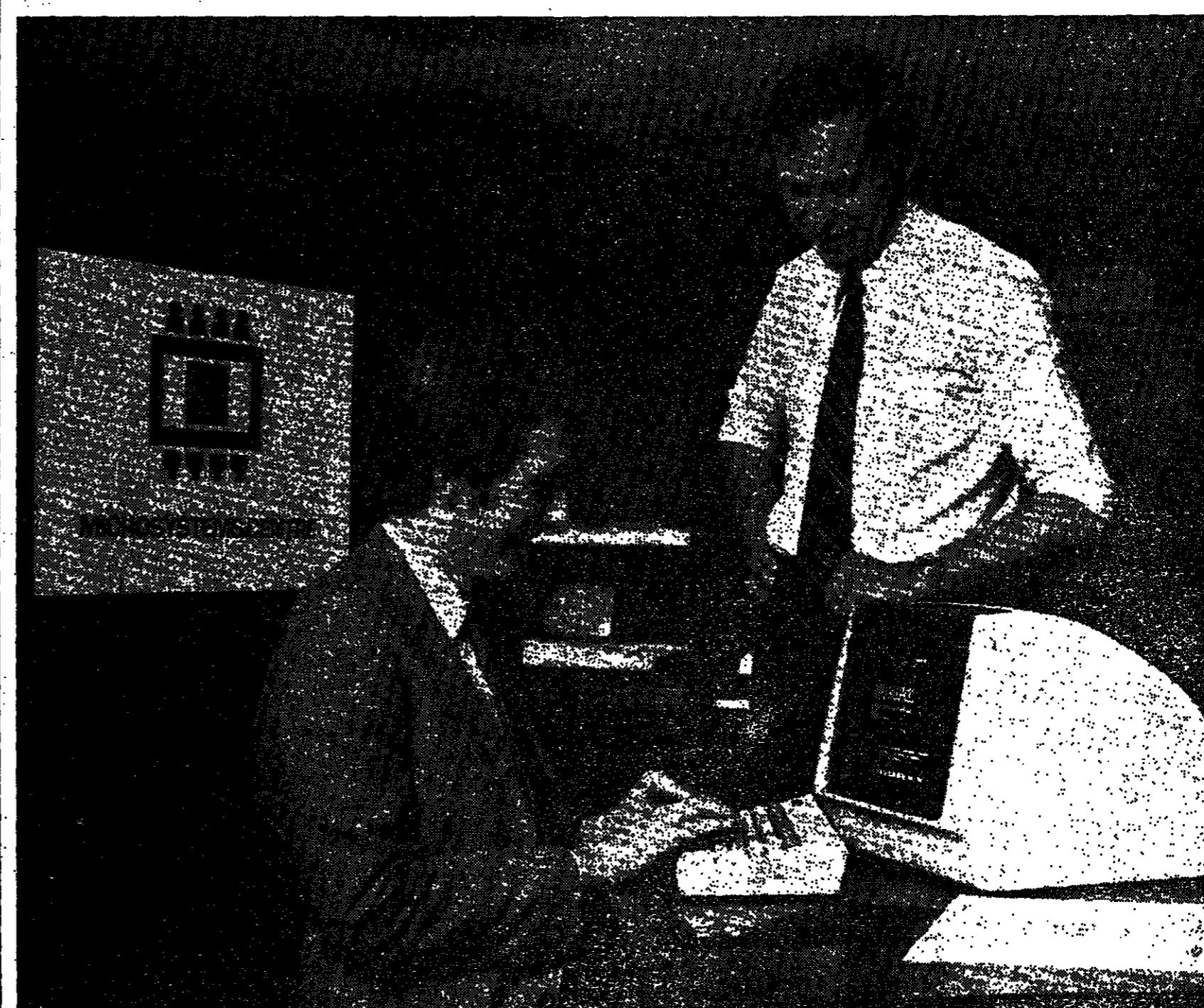
## Woman's £980 shop haul

A wealthy Lebanese mother of four children was fined the maximum of £1,000 at Marlborough Street court in London on Saturday for what a magistrate said was the worst shoplifting case he had known.

Mrs Hawal Azam, who is staying at Sussex Gardens, Paddington, took two of her

children into a Marks and Spencer store and stole so much she could hardly carry the haul, the court was told.

Mrs Hawal, aged the 31, wife of a Public relations officer, who earns £24,000 a year, admitted stealing 135 items of clothing and cosmetics worth £981.45 from the Oxford Street store last Friday.



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# Withdrawal of Cuban troops ruled out by Angola's President

From Richard Dowden, Luanda

President Eduardo dos Santos of Angola did not have much to look forward to on his forty-first birthday yesterday. Two weeks ago his troops were forced to abandon the strategic town of Cangamba, 300 miles inside Angolan territory after, according to the Angolans, it was bombed by South African aircraft. Last week he committed Angola to a policy of blood, sweat and tears in the fight against Unita insurgents and South Africa.

In a rare interview with Western reporters, he told *The Times* on Saturday that after Cangamba a new and dangerous situation existed in southern Africa.

"We must conclude that the South Africa Air Force will do this in other parts of the country," he said. "Their aim is to overthrow the legitimate Government of Angola and impose Unita puppets groups on areas which their regular troops have occupied by force."

He suggested that their next targets could be Cahama or Luena. Since, according to diplomatic sources, these towns are defended in part by Cuban forces, attacks on them could

internationalize the conflict.

In a speech to welcome Señor Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, he firmly rejected any deal over Namibia involving the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

He said that he would discuss the withdrawal of Cuban troops with Cuba when the South Africans had withdrawn from Angolan territory and stopped supporting Unita.

Although it is South Africa which is insisting on Cuban withdrawal as a precondition for Namibian independence, President dos Santos blamed requests for a naval base at Luanda.

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them. All the MPLA leaders are unanimous on this."

It is certainly difficult to imagine a marriage of Unita and the MPLA Government because Angola's present constitution is virtually indistinguishable from those of East European states. Despite this, President dos Santos is strikingly proud of Angolan independence and nonalignment. Angola has twice refused Soviet requests for a naval base at Luanda.

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## Andropov gets to grips with power

When Soviet officials return to work this week after a month on the Black Sea coast, they will find that President Andropov has already put a new agenda for action on their desks. Despite - or possibly because of - his failing health, the Soviet leader has spent a busy August forging ahead with initiatives in foreign and domestic policy. In the first of two articles, RICHARD OWEN, Moscow correspondent, reports on the foreign policy issues.

### KREMLIN POLICY

#### Part 1

Ten months after taking office, Mr Andropov is shaping Russia - and to some extent the world - with the deliberation of a man who has the chance to fulfil a lifetime's ambitions.

Politburo colleagues have had to forgo their holidays to keep up with him and Western politicians have also been kept on their toes by their 65-year-old opponent in the Kremlin, who has fired off our arms control proposal after another.

His offer to destroy, rather than just relocate, some of Russia's SS20 rockets as part of a deal at Geneva still assumes that Nato will cave in by agreeing not to deploy cruise and Pershing missiles and by including the British and French deterrents in the bargaining. But it has been given a cautious welcome, and will be discussed at the Nato consultative group meeting in Brussels on Friday.

Mr Andropov's proposal for a ban on anti-satellite weapons is partly based on Russia's fear that the United States will develop killer satellites and other space weapons equal to its own.

Diplomats describe it as a diversion, but an encouraging sign for all.

The signing of a new grain agreement in Moscow this month is also "encouraging". The Soviet press talked of "trade in certain agricultural commodities" to disprove the fact that Russia is importing American grain.

But Mr John Block, the United States Agriculture Secretary, has gone back to Washington after high-level talks

## Shaping the Russia of tomorrow



with the message that Moscow is interested in more moves towards rapprochement.

The Russians hope that sanctions, including grain embargoes, are now a thing of the past. Pravda pointedly described the decision to allow deliveries to Russia of pipe-laying equipment as proof that American economic pressures had failed.

On the other hand anti-American propaganda has continued unabated throughout this period, with Pravda denouncing daily the "demagoguery and hypocrisy" of Reagan policies from arms control to Central America and Chad.

"I don't remember the United States President receiving Soviet legislators and trade ministers, Alexander Bovin grumbled in Geneva, responding to a Nato missile deployment in December by stationing cruise and long-range missiles in Eastern Europe.

Mr Andropov is a master of tactical manoeuvring. He is unlikely to sacrifice "strategic" interests for the privilege of meeting Mr Reagan to shake hands and exchange pleasantries.

Geneva talks on medium-range missiles resume (at Russia's request) the day before.

The Madrid meeting, if successful, may lead to discussion of a Soviet-American summit. The Soviet calculation - backed by long-serving Politburo members such as Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister - is that Russia can afford to compromise at Madrid while remaining uncompromisingly tough at Geneva, responding to Nato missile deployments in December by stationing cruise and long-range missiles in Eastern Europe.

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## Nigerian opposition accused of killings

Lagos (Reuters) Nigerian officials yesterday began counting votes in Saturday's House of Representatives elections against a background of allegations that the main opposition Unity Party of Nigeria planned to cause trouble.

The ruling National Party of Nigeria said it had documented evidence that the Unity Party was planning to plunge the country into chaos after election results.

Mr Uba Ahmed, the National Party's Secretary-General, told a press conference on Saturday that the opposition began its plans with killings in the two western states of Oyo and Ondo, where violence broke out during and after voting in gubernatorial elections two weeks ago.

Police said 33 people died in the Oyo violence. No figures have been announced for Ondo but independent estimates say at least 40 people were killed there. Both last Saturday's Senate election and yesterday's poll have been postponed indefinitely in the two states.

Mr Ahmed said Mr Obafemi Awolowo, the Unity Party leader, who lost to President Shehu Shagari by four million votes in presidential elections three weeks ago, was planning to issue his own version of the election results.

An invitation to civil disobedience would be issued and Mr Awolowo's "natural supporters" will decide what to do - burn, kill and destroy. This way the country will be thrown into chaos," he said.

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## Pakistan police put stop to demonstration at Bhutto family tomb

From Michael Hanly, Lahore, Pakistan

An attempt by people protesting against the martial law regime in Pakistan to hold a demonstration and march from the shrine to the country's last elected Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was thwarted by energetic police action here yesterday.

A frustrated crowd in the town of Naudera near by, swelled by a number of outsiders, raided a bank and a post office, and set on fire an irrigation engineer's rest house.

They stoned police, and were dispersed by tear gas and a rifle shot in the air.

Elsewhere in the country, the peace of the revolt against the rule of President Zia ul-Haq appeared to slacken, and General Zia felt confident enough to prepare for a visit to Turkey.

The Bhutto family have been prominent landowners in this part of Sind for generations. The countryside is the flat and fertile basin of the great Indus river which gave its name to the sub-continent of India, the Hindu religion, and to Sind province. Today it is waterlogged like the Fens from the heavy monsoon which the area has been enjoying.

The family mausoleum in Garhi Khuda Bux is kept like a temple. Mr Bhutto's own sepulchre dominates, and is decorated with Pakistan People's Party flags in green, black and red, inscriptions from the Holy Koran and his own last words: "I swear before God that I am innocent" made before he was hanged in April 1979.

To the merry tune of "The Americans kept a dog and Zia was his name," a large number of people gathered to see Mr Mustaq Ali Bhutto, the late Prime Minister's second cousin, and two other activists in the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, the eight-party grouping organizing the civil disobedience campaign, court arrest.

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### Ambassador told of official anger

The protests in Sind have cast shadows on Pakistan's relations with India, (Hayat Akbar writes). Mr K. D. Sharma, the Indian Ambassador in Islamabad, was summoned on Saturday to the Foreign Office, and informed that Pakistan regarded the recent statements on Sind by Mrs Gandhi as regrettable and hostile.

Having walked a mile or so to the rice canal, rich and full of muddy water like a good cup of tea, the procession was broken up by police and members of the Sind Rangers, a paramilitary police-force.

According to the demonstrators, there were 20,000 marchers, which is absurd. According to the district magistrate, Mr Jaiya Hyder, there were 150 of them.

"The maximum there could have been was 400," he said.

The foreign press were kept well away from the scene by an explosive sub-district magistrate, Mr Tsaq Channa, who laid about them with a latki, striking The Guardian on the arm, the BBC driver too, and breaking a £300 microphone belonging to the UPITN.

Later the district magistrate, a chunky ebullient graduate of the University of Southern California, apologized for this incident, but seemed unable to curb the enthusiasm of his subordinates.

Later, when the police were facing 200 or 300 young rioters who were pelting them with stones, a policeman raised his

Lee-Enfield 303 rifle. "Don't fire," said the district magistrate, "I'm the commanding chief, the chief legal official and the chief revenue collector in Liana districts.

"Fire," said the police superintendent. The policeman fired over the heads of the crowd into the fertile green district. The crowd fled.

"They are just miscreants, it is not political at all," the district magistrate said. "A number of people escaped from jail near here the other day. They want to get some money, that is why they are attacking the bank and the post office."

The crowd were having such a good time they threw stones at the street lamps as well.

Elsewhere in Pakistan, there were other incidents of demonstrators courting arrest, but the scale was not so much of a diminished scale.

In Hyderabad, several hundred students from the agricultural university demonstrated yesterday and burned an effigy of the president on the football field.

They were eventually dispersed by a police latki charge.

A further attempt to broaden the struggle came with a call for a general strike in the capital of Baluchistan Quetta. Some shops and a part of the bazaar remained closed; and the authorities said it was only a few, the opposition said it was the most of them. No violent incidents were reported.

There has, however, been a predictably strong reaction to the Indian Government's statement on Pakistan's troubles. Members of the more conservative parties, which are also banned, have condemned the statement of Mr Narasimha Rao, the Indian Foreign Minister, as an unwarranted interference in Pakistan's internal affairs.

Manuha Shah Ahmads Noorani of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan urged the Government to lodge a strong protest to India.

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## Warsaw broadcasts Walesa speech

From Roger Boyes  
Warsaw

In an unusual move in an unusual game, the Polish authorities broadcast at the weekend the full text of a speech by Mr Lech Walesa, the officially-banned and criticized leader of the banned Solidarity union.

The recording of more than two hours was from a meeting last week in the Gdansk shipyards during which a deputy Prime Minister Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, was booed and hissed when he tried to explain the Government's attitude towards dialogue and national reconstruction.

Mr Walesa replied with a call for joint negotiations: "I want you to sit down at a table with us and talk about the errors."

The recording broadcast on Polish radio - and to be shown on television today - signals a government attempt to defuse the tension ahead of a week which will pose the sternest test to the authorities since the lifting of martial law.

The Solidarity underground has appealed for a two-hour boycott of public transport on Wednesday at the time that factories change their shifts, which means that workers will be streaming through the streets.

Later, Solidarity sympathizers - Wednesday marks the third anniversary of the Gdansk agreement which gave birth to Solidarity - are supposed to attend a mass. Both occasions - the shift change and the evening mass - are likely to be the source of demonstrations of support for the union.

So far, the Government has avoided its usual policy before such anniversaries of issuing grave warnings that protests will be met with all available force. Instead, in meetings between General Jaruzelski and steel workers and Mr Rakowski, and the shipyard workers, the Government has tried to persuade the nation that it genuinely wants dialogue, even when this is uncomfortable.

Solidarity sympathizers are unconvinced, saying that these meetings are designed to show that Mr Walesa and his supporters are simply recalcitrant troublemakers not capable of true negotiation with the Government.

There seems little doubt that on Wednesday, the police will be deployed, as during martial law, with the full armoury of riot control weapons. Provincial governors were briefed at the weekend about their law enforcement powers under new temporary regulations.

The church leadership, meanwhile, has continued its criticism of the authorities. A communiqué issued by the Episcopate, the first since the lifting of martial law in July and the papal visit in June, was couched in similar tones to those issued during martial law.

It says: "The problem of a general amnesty is still unresolved", as are the problems of "reemploying people sacked for their convictions, restoring union pluralism, restoring the right to higher education to students who have been dismissed and the restoration of all clubs of Catholic intelligentsia."

"We regret that the chance for authentic national agreement presented by the Pope's visit was not used", the bishops said in their communiqué, issued after a session in Czechoslovakia.

## Two-day talks fail to sway Druze leader

From Roger Boyes  
Warsaw

French Foreign Ministry officials as well as Mr McFarlane, said yesterday that his demands that there should be a political agreement in the Chouf mountains of Lebanon before any deployment of the Lebanese army in the area had not changed, despite two days of talks here.

Mr Jumblatt, whose Druze followers have been fighting rightwing Christian militias in the Chouf, wants sweeping changes in the running of Lebanon before the Lebanese Army moves in to take control of the area following a planned withdrawal by Israeli troops.

He arrived in Paris on Friday at the same time as Mr Robert McFarlane, the US Middle East envoy, and Mr Wade Haddad, military security adviser to President Amin Gemayel, of French officials.

Lebanese officials said that Mr Haddad, who has visited Amman and Jordan in the past few weeks apparently in hopes of meeting Mr Jumblatt, came to Paris solely to meet Mr McFarlane and French officials.

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## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

## An ordinary man's extraordinary fantasy

Death in Venice  
King's Theatre

A new production of *Death in Venice*, especially when it is only the second to be seen in this country, is bound to prompt new thoughts about Britten's final opera. However, the first thing to be said about the version seen in Edinburgh is that it reveals a new Aschenbach in Anthony Rolfe Johnson. Of all the roles that Britten wrote for Sir Peter Pears, this one might have been thought the most difficult to fill in any other way, not least because it seems to presuppose a tenor of advanced years. There was indeed a flicker of doubt when Mr Johnson opened the opera in a quite different way, youthful and earnest. The feeling lasted, though, for about five seconds. After that, Mr Johnson had established his right to the part with his great understanding of its musical and psychological awkwardness, his exemplary diction, and his absolute determination. It is hardly necessary to add that any reconsideration of the opera at this stage will be

springing from his performance, and certainly not from a production, by Francois Rocheix, that is lax and wooden. Apparently there had been difficulties in adapting the staging from the Grand Theatre in Geneva for the munificent King's Theatre. That is understandable enough, and certainly it may account for the failure of Jean-Claude Maret's sets, which quite miss their mark in seeking to give an impression of movement on the Venetian lagoon.

But lack of space cannot altogether excuse a production which appears to have no idea of what to do with the minor characters, which is often rudely static and which is embarrassed by some of the interludes. Worst of all, Mr Rocheix has the bright idea of giving us a crib to Aschenbach's recitations in the form of subtitles on illuminated slides. This is a gross insult to Mr Johnson, whose every word makes itself heard and felt, and fortunately it was dropped on Friday, the only one in Edinburgh, but the production can be caught on tour.

Quite without the need of any visual aid, Mr Johnson presents

us with an Aschenbach who is worthy, honest, and anxious but patently obsessive and infinitely capable of self-delusion: an ordinary man prey to extraordinary fantasy. The nature of his love-object and the rationalizations he finds are clearly less central than the act of infatuation. The key line becomes one he sings twice in the second act: "What if all the rest were dead and we two left alone?"

One knows, of course, what would happen under those circumstances: precisely nothing. The novelist and the boy would be sleeping with a sword between them, since this Aschenbach has evidently chosen an unreciprocated passion, and it is from the standpoint of a fearsome sterility that he must lash himself and agonize. To Mr Johnson's great credit, he makes all this self-destructiveness not only understandable but also involving and even interesting.

The production helps him in some small measure by casting Tadzio as a quite ordinary lad and by presenting the beach games as simple athletics, without any aestheticizing from the world of

Yesterdays was Robert Irving's seventieth birthday, and New York City Ballet celebrated it a couple of hours early with the presentation of a cake and the obvious musical tribute on stage at the end of their performance on Saturday night. If it seems eccentric, when there are several new works to be considered, to start a ballet notice by honouring a music director, that is justified by the important place music has in the work of this company.

It is not just by chance that so many of their ballets are given no other title than the pieces of music they use. Generally, the structure and whole character of the works are dictated by the score, but to think of the pieces just as "music visualizations" would miss the point completely. On the foundation of the music, the choreographer invents a new structure that complements and extends its origins.

George Balanchine did that better than anyone else. You can see it particularly in his great works such as *Agon*. When Stravinsky wrote it for Balanchine in 1956-57, people found his terse, knotty treatments of old dance forms difficult to follow. The choreography clarifies them, helps you to follow the shapes and rhythms, but also builds fascinating patterns of its

own in her memory or imagination.

I like especially the way Balanchine

has set out to reveal a different aspect of Merrill Ashley, whose bravura technique and long, strong, thoroughbred physique compel her usually to be seen in brilliant, assertive roles. *Ballade* uses her amazing technique with a carefree lightness and sensitivity to show the gentle, even shy woman behind the virtuoso. Ib Andersen's quiet, firm authority suits perfectly in support.

Judging by the few ballets of his that I have seen, Peter Martins has understood and inherited Balanchine's way of working. The Stravinsky *Concerto for Two Solo Pianos* certainly exemplifies it, and I found the ballet more rewarding on a second viewing, when the relationships between music and movement became clearer.

William Bennett, flute, who had

earlier played in a rather

repetitious

Suite No 2, joined the band with Lenore Smith. Here, Mr Maksymuk's tempi were comparatively restrained, and wisely so, considering the virtuosity expected of and achieved by the leader, Jan Staniewski.

The prize of the evening, though, was Mr Maksymuk's *Handel*. That dense yet finely grained body of meticulously rehearsed stirrings, with its little whimsical turnings and patterning of soloists, gave a peculiarly vivid character to the slow movements of two Op 6 Concerti Grossi.

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## Promenade Concerts

## RPO/Del Mar

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Maksymuk

## Albert Hall/Radio 3

When the Polish Chamber Orchestra visited the Proms last summer they bubbled and fizzed their way into the night with encore after well-deserved encore.

This time the programme was made of rather sterner stuff, though it was hardly more sternly played.

Bach and Handel, and undoubtedly the orchestra itself, drew a huge crowd to the Albert Hall, which soon shrank to the dimensions of a recital room. The 10 string players of the Third Brandenburg Concerto made its opening a dancing pattern of variegated tones and angles; its second, shared sentence was as brightly different in timbre as a little sextet of wind soloists had popped up. And after a lightly glistening cadenza from Nicholas Kraemer, the harpsichord, the second movement tripped the

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## Popular music

## Barry Manilow

## Blenheim Palace

Manilow's ample fan club wandered into realms of ecstasy at every change of key or shift.

Manilow is virtually impossible to analyze as an entertainer; he is a tolerable variety singer and pianist with a few pleasant songs and a whole raft of awful ones. Only the showbiz industry could have elevated him to the rank of superstar but his fans are willing accomplices in the charade.

What Manilow is expert at is convincing people of his overriding sincerity while sending himself up a fraction. He sells glibly packaged values, like holiday brochures, romantic

candle-lit dinners and fluffy slippers, with the assurance of a used-car salesman. Knowing his audience's weak spots, he tickles them mercilessly. And why not? He is also adept at offering value for money, playing a long set and not skimping on the big production - lasers, schoolgirl choirs, superbly kitch backdrops of the Palace and fictitious backstreet pizza parlours.

Manilow sings about "Memories", "The Old Songs" and the ubiquitous "Mandy", cracks a few risqué jokes about his nose and generally titillates his female fans until the atmosphere is redolent

of a frisky hen party. He loves to portray himself as the underdog, the poor Jewish boy made good, and that may account for his staggering success. Deep down Manilow either represents something very ordinary and comforting or something intensely irritating, depending on your perspective.

Eventually, the songs seem to

blend into one half-remembered tune which, like supermarket muzak, it is impossible to escape.

The evening was a triumph of mediocrity. But it was a triumph none the less.

Max Bell

first four episodes of *One Summer* is sluggish to the point of coma.

One feels some slight sympathy with Billy and Icky, but only idle curiosity as to what will happen next. Presumably that much-branded knife will kill or maim someone; presumably they will end with more self-knowledge than they began with. But that will be enough for the sentimental television moguls.

Filmed drama slots are an ever more precious commodity. *One Summer* has removed the possibility of six new films, or ten new plays made in the studio. What a waste.

Michael Church

## Television

## Sentimental trading on inner-city woes

Billy has that his zombie-like mother does not love him. Icky is a typical product of a comprehensive system in galloping decline, and cannot read: that is no fun either. To label these kids "disillusioned" is to imply (which seems unwarranted) the presence of analytical thought, but deprived they most certainly are.

They are also deprived, in the conventional teledrama manner,

of an introduction of an equally stereotyped caring father-figure who patiently atones for the sins of all the other uncaring adult stereotypes - parents, teachers, scoutmasters, ticket-collectors and of course police.

Sounds familiar? Indeed it does. Russell's theme goes way back beyond A. S. Neill to the Victorians, Charles Dickens, whose episodes thrashed with suspense, always left his readers with a cliff-hanger ending: the dramatic pulse of the

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## SPECTRUM

Two years after his Booker Prize-winning Novel, *Midnight's Children*, Salman Rushdie turns from India to Pakistan and to the twisted domestic and political origins of the feud between President Zia and former Prime Minister Bhutto.

Like its predecessor, *Shame* is a mixture of fantasy and fact; names sit alongside pseudonyms. In this first extract, Raza Hyder (bearing a strong likeness to the future President Zia) wins early military success while his wife, Bilquis, loses their son. Iskander Harappa (closely resembling future Prime Minister Bhutto) is about to marry into Hyder's family when war intervenes.



## THE CORD AND THE NOOSE

that hot season, the two newly partitioned nations announced the commencement of hostilities on the Kashmiri frontier. You cannot beat a northern war in the hot season; officers, footsoldiers, cooks all rejoiced it was headed for the coolness of the hills. "Yara, this is luck na?" At least this year I won't die in that damn heat." O backslapping camaraderie of the meteorologically fortunate!

There were, inevitably, deaths; but the organizers of the war had catered for these as well. Those who fell in battle were flown directly, first-class, to the perfumed gardens of Paradise, to be waited on for all eternity by four gorgeous Houris, untouched by man or djin. "Which of your Lord's blessings," the Quran inquires, "would you deny?"

Army morale was high; but Rani Humayun was most put out, because it would have been unpatriotic to hold a wedding reception in wartime. The function had been postponed, and she stamped her feet. Raza Hyder, however, stepped contentedly into the camouflaged jeep of his flight from the boiling insanity of the summer city, and just then his wife whispered into his ear that she was expecting another sort of happy event.

"He's coming!" Raza deafened his wife, causing earthen pitchers to topple from the heads of women-servants and frightening the geese. "What did I tell you, Mrs?" He set his cap more firmly on his head, slapped his wife on the stomach, joined the palms of his hands together and made living gestures.

"Whoosh!" he shouted. "Voom, wife! Here he comes!" And he roared off into the north, promising to win a great victory in honour of his forthcoming son, and leaving behind him a Bilquis who, being washed for the first time by the solipsistic fluids of motherhood, had neglected to notice the tears in her husband's eyes, the tears turning his black eye-pouches into velvet bags, the tears which were among the earliest pointers that the future strong-man of the nation was of the type that cried too easily... in private with the frustrated Rani Humayun, Bilquis crowded proudly: "Never mind this war foolishness; the important news is that I am making a boy to marry your unborn daughter."



An extract from the family's saga of Raza and Bilquis, given in the formulaic words which it would be a gross sacrilege to alter:

"When we heard that our Razzoo had pulled off an attacking coup so daring that there was no option but to call it a triumph, we started off by refusing to believe our ears, - for already in those days even the sharpest ears had developed the fault of becoming wholly unreliable when they were attuned to the radio news bulletins; on such occasions everybody heard things that could not possibly have been the case. But then we nodded our heads, understanding that a man whose wife is about to bear him a son is capable of anything."

"Yes, it was the unborn boy who was responsible for this, the only victory in the history of our armed forces, - which formed the basis of Raza's reputation for invincibility, a reputation which quickly became invincible itself, - so that not even the long humiliating years of his decline proved capable of destroying it. He returned a hero, having seized for our holy new land a mountain valley so high and inaccessible that even goats had difficulty in breathing up there; so intrepid he was, so tremendous, that all true patriots had to gasp - and you must not believe that propaganda which says that the enemy did not

Well, their imaginations simply were not up to the job, you can understand that; so it was the ones who really were new, the distant cousins and half-acquaintances and total strangers, who poured in from the east to settle in the Land of God, who took over and got things going.

Raza Hyder had already shown, in the taking of Aansu, the advantages of the energy-giving influx of immigrants, of novel beings; but energy or no energy, he was unable to prevent his first-born son from being strangled to death in the womb.

Once again (in the opinion of his maternal grandmother) he cried too easily. Just when he should have been demonstrating the stiffness of his upper lip he began to bawl his eyes out, even in public. Tears were seen sliding off the wax on his bulbous moustache, and his black eye-pouches glistened once more like little pools of oil. His wife, Bilquis, however, did not let fall a single tear.

"Hey, Raza," she consoled her husband in words iced with the brittle certainty of her desperation. "Razzoo, chin up. We'll get him back the next time."

"Old Razor Guts, my toe," Bariamma scoffed to all and sundry,



"You know he invented that name for himself and forced his troops to call him so, by order? Old Leaky Water Reservoir, more like."

An umbilical cord wound itself around a baby's neck and was transformed into a hangman's noose (in which other nooses are prefigured), into the breath-stopping, silken rumal of a Thug; and an infant came into the world handicapped by the irreversible misfortune of being dead before he was born. "Who knows why God will do such things?" Bariamma, mercilessly, told her grandson. "But we submit, we must submit. And not take out baby-tears before women."

However, being stone dead was a handicap which the boy managed, with commendable gallantry, to surmount. Within a matter of months, or was it only weeks, the tragically cadaverous infant had "topped" in school and at college, had fought bravely in war, had married the wealthiest beauty in town and risen to a high position in the government. He was dashing, popular, handsome, and the fact of his being a corpse now seemed of no more consequence than would a slight limp or a minor speech impediment.

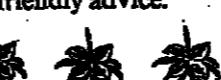
Of course I know perfectly well that the boy had in reality perished before he even had time to be given a name. His subsequent feats were performed entirely within the distracted imaginations of Raza and Bilquis, where they acquired an air of such solid actuality that they began to insist on being provided with a living human being who would carry them out and make them real.

Possessed by the fictive triumphs of their stillborn son, Raza and Bilquis

went at one another with a will, heaving silently in the blind-eyed dormitory of the family wives, having convinced themselves that a second pregnancy would be an act of replacement, that God (for Raza was, as we know, devout) had consented to send them a free substitute for the damaged goods they had received in the first delivery, as though He were the manager of a reputable mail-order firm.

Many years later, when Iskander Harappa stood in the dock of the courtroom in which he was on trial for his life, his face as grey as the imported suit he wore, which had been tailored for him when he weighed twice as much, he taunted Raza with the memory of this reincarnation obsession. "This leader who prays six times a day, and on national television too!" Isky said in a voice whose siren melodies had been untuned by jail. "I recall when I had to remind him that the idea of avatars was a heresy. Of course he never listened, but then Raza Hyder has made a custom of not listening to friendly advice."

It was the day on which the only son of the future General Raza Hyder was going to be reincarnated. Bilquis entered labour - the rebirth was imminent - Raza Hyder awaited it, stiffly seated in an anteroom of the military hospital's maternity ward. And after eight hours of howling and heaving and bursting blood-vessels in her cheeks and using the filthy language that is permitted to ladies



I too, know something of this immigrant business. I am an emigrant from one country (India) and a newcomer in two (England, where I live, and Pakistan, to which my family moved against my will). And I have a theory that the resentments we *mohajirs* engender have something to do with our conquest of the force of gravity. We have performed the act of which all men anciently dream, the thing for which they envy the birds; that is to say, we have flown.

I am comparing gravity with belonging. Both phenomena are observable: my feet stay on the ground, and I have never been angrier than I was on the day my father told me he had sold my childhood home in Bombay. But this is understood.

When individuals come unstuck from their native land, they are called migrants. When nations do the same thing (Bangladesh), the act is called secession. What is the best about migrant peoples and seceded nations? I think it is their hopefulness. Look into the eyes of such folk in old photographs. Hope blazes undimmed through the fading sepia tints. And what's the worst thing? It is the

emptiness of one's luggage. I'm speaking of invisible suitcases, not the physical, perhaps cardboard, variety containing a few meaningful mementoes: we have come unstuck from more than land.

As for me I, too, like all migrants, am a fantasist. I build imaginary countries and try to impose them on the ones that exist. I, too, face the problem of history: what to retain, what to dump, how to hold on to what memory insists on relinquishing, how to deal with change.

And to come back to the 'roots' idea, I should say that I haven't managed to shake myself free of it completely. Sometimes I do see myself as a tree, even, rather grandly, as the ash Yggdrasil, the mythical world-tree of Norse legend. The ash Yggdrasil has three

roots. One falls into the pool of knowledge by Valhalla, where Odin comes to drink. A second is being slowly consumed in the undying fire of Muspelheim, realm of the flame-god Surtur. The third is gradually being gnawed through by a fearsome beast called the Nidhoggr. And when fire and monster have destroyed two of the three, the ash will fall, and darkness will descend. The twilight of the gods: a tree's dream of death.

My story's palimpsest-country has, I repeat, no name of its own. The exiled Czech writer Kundera once wrote: "A name means continuity with the past and people without a past are people without a name."

But I am dealing with a past that refuses to be suppressed, that is daily doing battle with the present, so it is perhaps unduly harsh of me to deny my fairyland a title.

There's an apocryphal story that Napier, after a successful campaign in what is now the south of Pakistan, sent back to England the guilty, one-word message: "Peccavi." I have Sind. I'm tempted to name my looking-glass Pakistan in honour of this bilingual (and fictional, because never really uttered) pun. Let it be Peccavistan.

*TOMORROW  
Election victory  
and war...*

Sally Davies

moreover...  
Miles Kington

Tray bien,  
service avec  
un sunbeam

The EEC's butter mountain has reached a new peak of 485,000 tonnes... So reads a curious item in the Worcester Evening News, sent to me by Andrew Brooks of Petworth. He asks me what I make of it. More to the point: what would P. G. Wodehouse have made of it?

From "Jeeves STE' Va En Vacance". The sunshine came in my bedroom window, hurried across the intervening space and gently percolated through my eyelids, forcing my brain into wakefulness. Dashed clever trick, that. I mean, the way light travels across space, not to mention bedrooms, at about a billion miles an hour and then slows down to nil in the last second or so in order to avoid damage to the tenderer parts of the anatomy. Not for the first time I wondered how it did it, and not for the first time I determined to ask Jeeves.

Tired by all this thinking before the first cup of tea of the day, I tinkled a bell softly to summon the fount of all knowledge and copious draughts of Earl Grey. The door opened and a form shimmered in.

"Bonjou, Monsieur Wooster," said the shape. "I trust that you think, therefore you are."

"Gof the gift of tongues this morning, have we, Jeeves?" I said. "Hope you don't mind if I stick to the mother lingo."

"Not Jeeves, sir," said the voice, about which I now recognized something fishy. "I am your new valet, du Marquis."

I sat upright, with the speed of a rabbit surprised by men holding machine-guns, and gaped at the speaker. The form was the form of Jeeves, and the shimmer was a Jeevesian shimmer, but the face was someone else's. It contained a small moustache, a pair of sun-glasses and a cigarette attached to the end of the mouth in a position which I can only describe as dangling. I felt as a baby might feel when it looks up from the pram to see its mother and finds itself staring at Al Capone.

"Where on earth is Jeeves?" I stammered.

"I don't remember entering a new valet."

"Non, monsieur. The fact is, there is a terrible glut of valets in Europe at the moment, the so-called butter mountain, and new regulations demand that we share jobs. I am here today."

"Just a moment," I said, trying to make sense of this terrible upheaval in things.

"Butler mountain" is just a phrase, monsieur. One cannot say valet mountain. It sounds wrong. *Montagne de yalets* - it sounds like *montagne de vaches*. This offends the French sense of logic.

"Nothing, personal du Marquis." I murmured. I feel a great affinity with overweight Mr Cortez as I stood atop the highest bit of Darien and sensed the onset of a tum-tum.

"A savage surprise was the phrase, I believe," said the French answer to Jeeves, and all at once I spotted a smidgeon of relief on the skyline: Jeeves would have said much the same thing.

"Tell me about light, o wise Frenchman," I said coolly. "When it hits the features at a hundred times the speed of sound, how does it stop in time?"

"It does not stop, monsieur. It departs again at the same speed. It is what we call reflection, without which we can see nothing."

That seemed to make sense. It would certainly explain why I had gone around all my life seeing things. I indicated to the man that he could now run my bath.

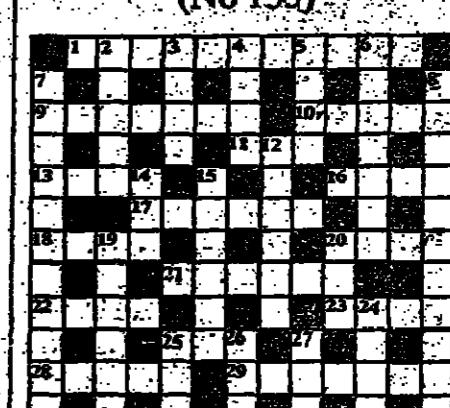
"Very good, monsieur. Oh and, monsieur, a gentleman named Clarence Osprey called earlier this morning. He seemed under the impression that you had become involved with his fiancée and he wished to kick-off your *blot*."

"Oh Lord," I groaned. I could see how Clarence had got that impression. "What did you do?"

"I quoted some apt lines from Victor Hugo, after which I showed him the door and assured him he had the wrong address."

"Suddenly I felt better. This bimbo, if not under my mature tuition, he might well develop into a quite gentlemanly if ungentlemanly, if you get my meaning."

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## MODERN TIMES



A  
sideways  
look at  
the British  
way of life

Had *The Times* been taking a sideways look at the British in 1879, this entry, under the headline "Coursing by Proxy", would doubtless have found its way on to the features editor's desk with a memo saying "follow up". Describing the thoroughly novel experience of watching greyhounds chase a mechanical hare in Hendon, our reporter concluded that the sport was "undoubtedly an exciting and interesting one". He little knew that he had just observed the birth of a craze that in 50 years would sweep the country, one destined to become the solace of the working man and the source of much grievance to the working man's wife whose weekly income was frequently

much reduced because of it. Nor could he have predicted that such an ostensibly silly occupation as watching half a dozen dogs chase a dummy round a track would, for nearly half a century, prove the second most popular spectator sport in the country - as it still is today, ahead of horse racing and second only to football. Or that the Queen's consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, would own a dog (Camira Flash) that would win a Derby.

The first official race meeting was held at Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1926. Within months the sport was racing ahead, with dogs running round tracks all over the place. One could have expected some falling off during the Depression, but instead dog racing went from strength to strength. By 1940 more than 100 dogs were racing under National Greyhound Racing Club rules and by the end of the decade up to fifty million spectators were going to the dogs in a year.

But Sirius had reached his zenith. The 1950s saw a gradual decline in track attendances and the tax on the tote was only partly to blame. Sports fans went back to their first loves - football and cricket, people bought motor cars and, later, televisions

Today fewer than half the original tracks survive and even some of the "greens" sit under sentence of the axe. White City, it is strongly rumoured, will soon no longer throb to the roar of the crowd and the pelting of paws and even the great Perry Barr's existence is in question. The centres that will survive, everyone agrees, are those which are prepared to improve their facilities - or have already done so - pushing the image of dog racing inexorably up the market place away from its traditional pitch of serge and sawdust, tickets and toots.

A trip to Walthamstow Stadium, considered by the cognoscenti to be the toff among racetracks, will put you in the picture. Where, you might ask, as you make your way past the Mercedes and the great smell of Brut to your pre-booked table at the swish Paddock Grill, are the flat caps and fag ends of yesteryear? They're still here, of course, down on the rails or on the other, "wrong", side of the tracks where tic-tac men perform incredible feats with their fingers and beer bubbles still wink at the brim. But here you can sit "god-like" (as in gallery) to watch the show, protected from the elements by

a vast sheet of plate glass, while hoi-poloi (or true enthusiasts) battle with the elements and the odds. Here you can study the card in a desultory way between courses, sip dry white with your Dover sole, summon a smiling runner to place your bet at the touch of a bell and rub shoulders - if you have to - with satin rather than serge.

After the last race you can make your way upstairs for the cabaret and forget about Black Beauty's failure to overtake Haringay Hattie on the home straight while another black beauty gives throat to the blues, played by a near perfect replica of Elton John.

It's great stuff if you like this kind of a night out but it's hardly "going to the dogs". In fact for the younger set, the hounds beating their heats out to get to the hare seem as incidental to the evening's entertainment as underwater dancers in a Californian poolside restaurant. And yet it is just such youngsters and their parents that the tracks need to attract if the greyhound game is to survive.

Judy Froshang

Penny Perrick

Better  
safe than  
SOTTY

  
It's common knowledge that the pain of childbirth is instantly forgotten the minute a baby is born - if it weren't, we'd all be only children. What no one ever told me is that the pain of parenting goes clean out of your mind the minute your children push off. I found this out the hard way when my favorite five year old, Lucy Gales-Tooke, accompanied by one teddy bear, two security blankets, three Tom and Jerry video-cassettes and her school reading primer, came for a weekend visit.

I had forgotten that a house is not a home as soon as a small child sets foot in it; it's a high-risk adventure playground. Perfectly safe-looking bannisters become vicious bars between which a small person's head may become wedged. The spring locks on cupboard doors are designed to close on little fingers before the owner of the fingers has finished choosing a chocolate biscuit. Within minutes of Lucy's arrival, I was back in that suddenly remembered old routine of "Be careful, darling... don't do that... keep away from there, sweetheart..." sounding out like Joyce Grenfell doing her monologue, "The Kindergarten Teacher".

My own children say I was an absurdly over-protective mother. I refute this charge since never once, unlike one of my neighbours, did I follow my children to the beach with a tin of Johnson's Baby Powder and insist that each little precious was dried off and powdered between the toes after every swim.

Despite my eternal vigilance, my son once fell backwards on to a carelessly packed breadknife while larking about on a picnic and my daughter managed to embed a needle in her knee. Demonstrating that nothing had changed, Lucy skipped around a corner ahead of me and by the time I caught up with her, seconds later, had fallen into a bed of nettles and had been bitten by a dog.

The price of parenthood, it seems, is never being able to read the Sunday papers in peace and running the risk of chronic unpopularity. This was not a risk that worried previous generations of parents. "Because I'm older than you are and I pay the rent" and "that's why", was my mother's method of dealing with my whined "why-can't-I's". This tough tactic, along with compulsory liberty bodices and sock-garters, belongs to the lost art of parenting.

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No one would want to see a reversal of such sternness, even though "Because I say so," is, in the short term, less wearisome than "Well, you see, angel, mummy won't let you go to the park by yourself because although most people are very nice, some people are very nasty and might hurt a little girl if her mummy or daddy aren't there to look after her".

What is clear is that although parents are no longer required to bark out "No", "Don't" and "Absolutely not" as if they were sergeant majors, they must still keep these words in their vocabulary. To give in to a child's expert wheedling is perilous. "I didn't like her going to the swings by herself, but she loved going so much and went on at me until I let her," said the brokenhearted mother of a vanished four-year-old.

A little boy allowed to be up and buying sweets late in the evening is kidnapped and horribly assaulted; a little girl is taken from a fairground and murdered. In West Germany, hot weather sends the statistics for attacks on children soaring along with the rising barometer. The state's answer is a radio campaign which urges parents to keep hold of their children's hands in crowded department stores. Easier said than done, for a small child's hand, once it wishes to be released, becomes as hard to grasp as running water. But done it must be. Even the constantly watched child falls into trouble; what could happen to the unwatched one doesn't bear thinking about.

  
The British Gas Corporation can agonize over its tarsiffs until the flames in the gas log fire flicker and die, will remain stony hearted, for I once made political advances to the gasman and was scathingly rejected. All I wanted was a very small gas supply laid on between the nearby street and my new, gasless flat, so that I might enjoy the pleasure of high speed gas dinners. I should say here that my flat is not in the middle of a field but on a main road, whose pavements cover hundreds of gas pipes. The gasman said that he couldn't see his way to supplying me with any gas in the foreseeable future.

He also said that in New York, the gas companies had refused to take on any more customers. He said this with a certain amount of relish. I considered writing to the British Gas Corporation, enclosing an impressive CV and testimonials from my bank manager and editor which vouched for my suitability as a consumer. It seemed like a lot of trouble, so in the end I rang up the electricity board and they sent someone round to connect me up right away.

## Bitten by the dogs



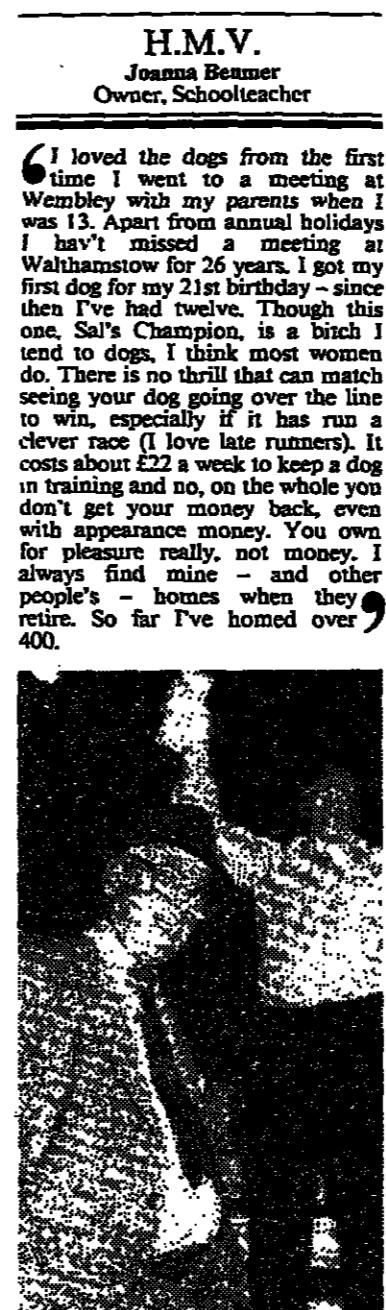
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Ray Spalding  
Racing Manager and Steward at Walthamstow Stadium



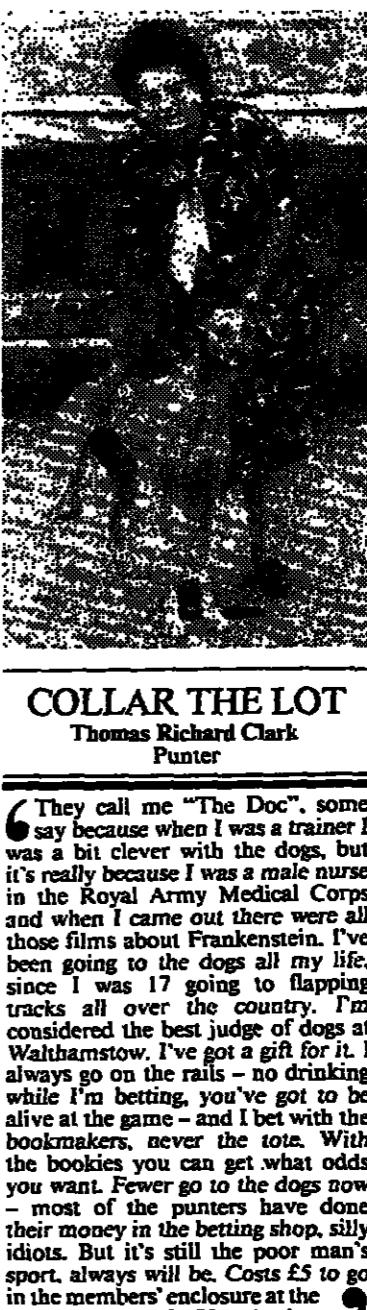
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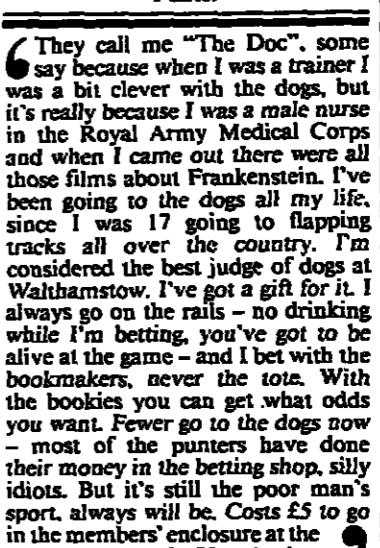
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Joanna Beamer  
Owner, Schoolteacher



COLLAR THE LOT

Thomas Richard Clark  
Punter



They call me "The Doc", some say because when I was a trainer I was a bit clever with the dogs, but it's really because I was a male nurse in the Royal Army Medical Corps and when I came out there were all those films about Frankenstein. I've been going to the dogs all my life, since I was 17 going to flapping tracks all over the country. I'm considered the best judge of dogs at Walthamstow. I've got a gift for it. I always go on the rails - no drinking while I'm betting, you've got to be alive at the game - and I bet with the bookmakers, never the tote. With the bookies you can get what odds you want. Fewer go to the dogs now - most of the punters have done their money in the betting shop, silly idiots. But it's still the poor man's sport, always will be. Costs £5 to go in the members' enclosure at the horses, but only £1.50 at the dogs.

TOP DOG

Fred Underhill Secretary NGRC



ROVER, RETURN

Kenny Linzell  
Trainer



Being a trainer means a lot of early mornings, late nights, travelling - dedicated stuff. It's a pressured job, the phone never stops ringing, owners wanting to know about their dogs, what their chances are. If we could predict that there'd be a lot more rich people around. A lot depends on having good staff. Apart from feeding and exercising it's my job to take the dog along to the trials to see if it's any good, then to maintain its condition and watch it improve. A good greyhound looks good, though you don't have to pay a fortune. I've had dogs bought for a modest £300 who've gone on to win £5,000 and more in open races, so you can make money. I'd like to see the government put back some of the money they take from the tracks to see more tracks round football pitches and a time when courses were fully tote racing. Bookies never win, you know, but they always have Rolls-Royces!



HARE RESTORER

Anthony Lilley Starter by night,  
refuse collector by day

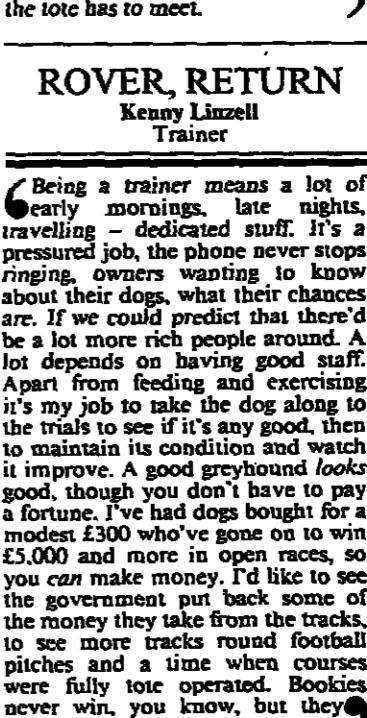


STAKE AND CHIPS

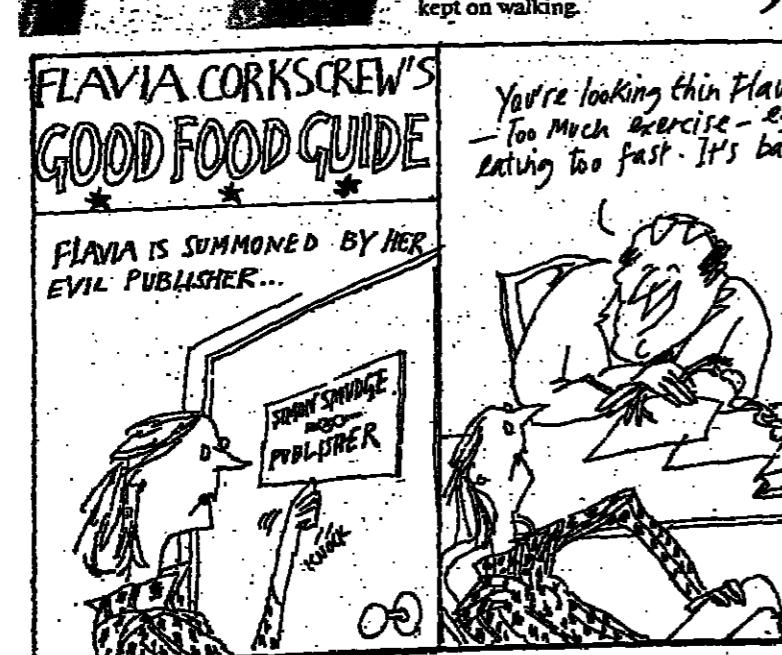
Hilda Spelling Tote Runner, wife and mother



OR - the torso of a  
naked woman wearing  
two, or perhaps even  
three, FRIED EGGS!



Don't run so fast!  
It's bad for you.







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## MR BEGIN'S EMPTY CHAIR

During the six years that Mr Menachem Begin has been prime minister of Israel, his departure from that office has been frequently and heartily desired by most of the foreign leaders who have had to deal with him, from the President of the United States down. The outside world in general has seen him as a very obstinate man whose determination to incorporate the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip into Israel has thwarted any hope that the Sadat initiative would develop into a general Arab-Israeli peace, while his obsession with the threat to Israel's security from the Palestine Liberation Organization has led to the devastation of much of Lebanon and to Israel's seemingly inextricable embroilment there.

Had Mr Begin not become prime minister in 1977 President Carter would have had higher hopes of reaching an overall settlement through a resumed Geneva Peace Conference. Had he not been prime minister in 1978 President Sadat might have obtained at Camp David a formula more encouraging to other potential Arab negotiators. Had he been defeated in the 1981 election President Reagan might have had a better chance of reviving the Egyptian-Israeli autonomy talks. Had he not been in office in 1982 Israel would probably not have invaded Lebanon. Had he left office even last autumn the Reagan Plan might have been taken more seriously both in Israel and the Arab world.

We shall never know. For the fact is that at none of those junctures was Mr Begin prepared to resign. Nor were his Israeli electors willing to dispense with his services when given the

opportunity to do so. Israel is as it is, which is not always as others would like it to be. For the last six years Israel has been represented, in the full sense of the word, by Mr Begin.

If yesterday's announcement means what it says, that he has now decided to quit, that must reflect, at least in part, his own conviction that the fundamental choices he has made on Israel's behalf are no longer in any serious danger of being reversed. In major matters he has had his way. Israel now holds the strategic initiative in the region. He has that cause for satisfaction.

That does not mean he is bowing out in triumph. On the contrary, the last 12 months have brought a series of trials and reverses which, by all accounts, have soured the fruits of office in Mr Begin's mouth. No doubt the worst for him, on the purely personal level, was the death of his wife Aliza last November. Without her, he has visibly lost much of the verve which formerly characterized his political style. And the timing of the loss was bad. The war in Lebanon had severely damaged Israel's world reputation, and soon after Mrs Begin's death, in February of this year, Mr Begin's government and he personally as prime minister, were publicly censured by a commission of inquiry which a massive movement of Israeli public opinion had obliged them to set up to establish responsibility for the Sabra-Chatila massacre.

In the ensuing crisis, passions were aroused to the point where some normally sober Israelis spoke of the danger of civil war, and indeed one Israeli demonstrator was killed by his fellow citizens. Mr Begin

## THE MANTLE OF LUTHER KING

The American House of Representatives recently approved a bill declaring the Monday nearest January 15 a federal public holiday in commemoration of Martin Luther King, the black leader assassinated in Memphis in 1968. It promises to pass swiftly through the Senate when the Congress reassembles. President Reagan has had deep, and proper, misgivings about elevating Dr King to the company of George Washington, who also endows one of the scarce American public holidays. But now the White House indicates the President would be likely to sign the bill into law. The season for electoral gestures is open, heralded by the overtures the President is now making towards women, Hispanics and all the others the polisters tell him need attention if he is to run again.

The real concern of many black Americans is about food stamps and welfare programmes and the speed of economic recovery when they, as ever, are at the back of the queue for jobs. But for Black leaders, as for the President, symbols count. The re-creation on Saturday of the 1963 civil rights march on Washington D.C. was a good example of a theatrical gesture unlinked to the Congressional committees and compromised coalitions which secure legislative change in the United States.

Twenty years ago Dr King vividly described both a dream and a shopping list of electoral and anti-discrimination laws. Today, with many of the reforms attained, the marchers' agenda

for practical action is vague – beyond a claim for additional black representation, and a complaint that the President's money-saving measures hit the poor hardest.

Mr Jesse Jackson, the leading claimant to Dr King's mantle, says plausibly enough that blacks merely want "parity" in their number becoming sheriff, mayor, tax assessor and dog-catcher. But any aspirant for the highest federal office, the presidency, must stand for something in addition to himself or his skin colour. Mr Jackson has been silent on the fiscal facts of life, on defence, or how the already extravagant federal budget deficit would be inflated by the additional social spending he presumably wants for the cities. As a contender for the Democratic nomination his candidacy (yet to be formally announced and still being urgently debated among black leaders) would be merely symbolic.

And of what? Next month Mr Jackson promises to cross the Atlantic, though his announced itinerary – the Soviet Union and black American soldiers based in Germany – hardly makes it a European trip. It might, however, make the stuff of his presidential bid more apparent. On present evidence there are all too many signs (which few American preachers fail to exhibit) of Elmer Gantry. Beside, say, Mr Benjamin Hooks of the civil rights old guard or even Mr Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta and President Carter's undiplomatic ambassador to the

United Nations, Mr Jackson appears of lesser build.

Yet Mr Jackson symbolizes the American black's new electoral potency, a late-gathered fruit of the voting rights reforms secured by Dr King's campaigning and President Lyndon Johnson's politics. Blacks are not alone in sensing the potential of voter registration drives; the entire Democratic camp has been alerted in recent years by the success of the mainly Republican "political action committees", and its regiments in the labour unions and the ethnic communities are mobilizing. Mr Jackson has put himself at the head of an electoral campaign which could see black votes deciding both primaries and the presidency in several states and many cities. He is a power in the land or, as he put it in the inimitable American way: "If the party is forthcoming I'd put jet fuel in my butt. If it's not, I'd sit on it."

But for what policies and for which convincing presidential candidate are those theoretical electoral margins to be used? Surely they are too valuable to be wasted on a divisive run by Mr Jackson for the sake of "blackness". The political maturity of the black leadership in an era far removed from the heady days of the 1960s will be tested as it now considers trading those votes for Mr Jackson's symbolism or, under tried and trusted convention, offering them to Mr Walter Mondale or Mr John Glenn for the rewards of a traditional black and white Democrat coalition.

## "AND MAY THE BETTER YACHT WIN"

Now that the dispute over eligibility has been put out of the way, there seems an even chance that the contest for the America's Cup may be settled where it should be, on the water. It is not reasonable in the nature of things to hope for an end to the protests, gamesmanship and tactical leaks, because such devices are integral to the character of the affair. But now that the New York Yacht Club has handsomely if belatedly conceded in the words above that the two remaining challengers are the genuine article, the saltwater tippers laying odds on which of them will meet Courageous or Liberty will be able to ease the odds on an outcome in which applause may outweigh recriminations.

Not that recriminations ever seem to have done the contest much harm in the past. The greater the rancour, the more fiercely the defeated have burned to expunge it with a fresh challenge. Until the 1970's the rules still enabled the defenders to act in some degree as judges in their own cause, and since the fear of being the first to lose the trophy has acted on every generation of American yachts-

men with an obsessive force, the temptation to take advantage of that position was often hard to resist. But by now the rules are fair, and ideas of what is acceptable in international sport are more cut and dried. A continued attempt by the NYYC to seek to rule out vessels that the competent authorities had declared acceptable within the 12-metre rule might well have caused future challengers to conclude that whatever happened they would never be allowed to win.

That would be a pity, both because there is some worthwhile technological spin-off from the millions lavished on the Cup, and because it retains an inextricable public appeal. There can hardly be an international sporting event which arouses so much interest while apparently so little calculated to entertain an audience. The huge and specialized vessels, with a different sail to meet every slightest nuance of the wind and enough electronic gadgetry to guide a space shuttle are far removed from the kind of boats that even the minority who sail can ever hope to be familiar with. Of all kinds of yacht racing – never a sport that tends itself to

the interests of spectators – 12-metre match racing is perhaps the dullest to watch, and the most apt to turn into a procession whose subtleties are virtually impalpable to the necessarily distant onlooker.

It is partly the glamour of money, no doubt, and nostalgia for the ghosts of the yachts which used to compete for the Cup when a 12-metre was regarded as modest in size. But the main reason for the appeal of the Cup is that in spite of all the spending, gadgetry, rule-chopping, gossip and ballyhoo, it remains extremely simple in the last resort. Not all the technology in the world can save a helmsman from throwing the whole effort away by a momentary tactical error. Not even the most up-to-date of necromancy can enable him to anticipate and avoid being confounded by some whim of the wind as it bloweth where it listeth. And if it listeth not to blow at all (not an uncommon event in Rhode Island Sound in the summer), the immaculate hulls, finely-dressed crews, and all that skill, wealth and enthusiasm can provide, will have to sit and wait for the outcome.

It would be improper for me to comment on the immediate issue of the IBA's decision to allow religious programmes such as *Credo* to be transmitted at around 2pm on Sundays rather than 6pm as at present. There is, however, a statement about BBC religious

## Step by step to alternative medicine

From Professor D.J. Weatherall, FRS

Sir. Your leader (August 10) and recent articles on alternative forms of medical treatment present a disturbing and not entirely accurate picture of modern scientific medicine. You argue that the medical profession disregards the personal factor in disease and is unwilling to even consider the possibility that unconventional forms of therapy may have a role to play in clinical practice.

The notion that scientific medicine has lost sight of the individual patient in a cloud of high technology is widely accepted by those who have never worked or been a patient in a modern hospital. But what is the evidence that this is true?

I have worked in teaching hospitals for 20 years and have observed a major change in attitude to patient care, particularly among younger doctors and medical students. Of course they are interested in disease. But, unlike many of their predecessors, they are increasingly aware of the pastoral aspects of their work and of the importance of their patients as individuals with personal and environmental problems.

I wish that those who are constantly criticising the attitudes of the medical profession would spend a day with me in the company of some of our younger doctors; they might be surprised to learn that a great deal more time is spent on sorting out the patient's personal problems than on the application of high technology medicine. In fact, medical science has taught us how completely ignorant we are about most disease processes and hence has underlined the importance of patients' individual reactions to their diseases.

In turn, this is creating a sense of humility among our younger doctors. Arrogance and disinterest in patients as individuals may still exist, but it is much less common than it was some years ago. In turn, this is creating a sense of humility among our younger doctors. Arrogance and disinterest in patients as individuals may still exist, but it is much less common than it was some years ago.

In one sense, modern scientific medicine is suffering from the speed of its own development. In the short period since the Second World War we have seen the emergence of antibiotics, modern anaesthesia, the prevention of many killing diseases such as smallpox, poliomyelitis and many crippling genetic disorders.

## View of Chad

From Mr Michael Brothwood

Sir, Your leading article, "Eating people is wrong" (August 16) which, closer inspection reveals, deals with the subject of Chad, follows upon two earlier leading articles on that subject headed respectively "French headache in Chad" (July 11) and "Power abhors a vacuum" (August 5).

Sadly the indications of irresponsibility, arrogance, and narrow insularity which these titles suggest are fully borne out by the articles themselves. I suppose one must be thankful that you now (August 16) are prepared to state that "Chad does exist after all" and that you begin to depart from Lord Salisbury's lofty and detached view of Africa which you embraced so eagerly on August 5.

The problems of Chad and also the problems of Africa generally are, whether one likes it or not, of concern to all Europeans and that includes the United Kingdom. The French intervention there is to be welcomed and should receive Britain's support. The events in Chad require more serious and thoughtful treatment than you have so far chosen to give them and your paper is the poorer for that. Yours faithfully.

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22 Embankment Gardens, SW3.  
August 18.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Threat to Sutton Hoo burial site

From Mr Nigel A. Kerr

Sir. A year ago you published a report of the proposed excavation of the Anglo-Saxon royal burial site at Sutton Hoo, Suffolk. Since then work has begun on surveys in advance of excavation and digging is scheduled to start in due course.

In view of the forthcoming establishment in April 1984, of the Ancient Monuments Commission, it is pertinent to ask whether it will look favourably upon the projected excavation, although the final decision will rest with the Secretary of State for the Environment under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

More particularly, it is necessary to ask whether the excavation should go ahead at all. The site, a group of burial mounds, some of them probably containing rich graves like the ship burial dug in 1939, is legally protected in perpetuity; whilst fears have been expressed about the threats from "treasure hunters" with metal detectors, the principal danger would seem to be posed by archaeologists themselves.

It is axiomatic that all excavation is destruction; accordingly the total or near-total excavation proposed will have a correspondingly damaging effect on this unique site. Coupled with this, it is evident that techniques of non-destructive site analysis have advanced significantly during the past decade and are likely to do so in the future.

What is the justification for the excavation: what questions must be answered now rather than in the future?

At present permission has only been granted for non-destructive

survey of the site, which everyone must support. The crunch will come with the next stage of the work, when the Secretary of State must decide whether to permit the excavation and concomitant destruction of the site; he must search his conscience thoroughly. Equally he must treat his external advisers with suspicion.

The Society of Antiquaries of London, among other bodies, supports the project and hence he must not allow any offence against natural justice by permitting archaeologists to be judge and jury in their own case.

For the Sutton Hoo excavation raises broader issues which were very much in mind when the first Ancient Monuments Act was passed in 1882. I can do no better than to remind you of the words of William Morris, who helped to stimulate public awareness of our national heritage at the time:

These... do not belong to us only. They belong to our forefathers and belong to our descendants unless we play them false... We are only the trustees for those who will come after us.

These comments applied to the generalities of historic buildings, some of which are legally protected as ancient monuments; they apply *a fortiori* to site of the undoubted significance of Sutton Hoo. Archaeological excavation is total destruction. Unlike endangered species, historic sites cannot reproduce themselves.

NIGEL A. KERR,  
Manor Farm House,  
Spanby,  
Near Seaford,  
Lincolnshire.  
August 19.

with the Polish authorities' methods in that respect.

In addition, his statement on television was worded in such a way that we believe it was not written by him. Again, it is likely that it was drawn up by representatives of the authorities. We should also point out that Mr Harder's appearance on television does not make the occasion genuine, since it is well known that film has been falsified before – not least on the occasion when Lech Walesa was supposed to have been talking to General Jaruzelski.

The Polish government is waging a propaganda war against Solidarnosc, using fabricated items of news. This is a classic example of such use of propaganda, and unfortunately Western media seem to have swallowed it wholesale. Surely such items ought to be viewed with great scepticism and subjected to critical analysis.

Yours faithfully,  
MAREK GARZTECKI,  
Solidarnosc Working Group,  
314/320 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Latvia and Lithuania are a constant source of embarrassment to Moscow as their annexation is the result of collusion between the Soviets and Nazi Germany, culminating in the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact.

Unpalatable issues, such as

Stalin's purges

raised by Khrushchev

or the Katyn Wood murders

or the systematic attempts to

Russify

the Baltic states, are all topics the Soviet authorities would not have us discuss.

To the long list of Latvian deportees of the 1940s mentioned in Mr Levin's article we would like to add the names of but a few Latvians who have more recently suffered at the hands of the Soviets for daring to give expression to their national aspirations: Burmeisters, Jurs, Celius, Ints, Doronina, Lidija; Freimans, Gunars, Lieders; Ravins, Maijums, Rode, Gunars, Rozkalns, Janis, Vevers, Janis.

Mr Dubrovsky's use of a quotation by one elderly citizen clearly does not mirror the feelings of the majority of the Latvian nation. Yours faithfully,

PETERIS TERMANIS,  
ILZE TERMANIS,  
79 Braxted Park, SW16.  
August 21.

## Refugees' contribution

From Professor Walter Laqueur

Sir, Mr Bernard Denivir (August 25) rightly stresses the need to assess the cultural contribution made by refugees.

The Weiner Library and Institute of Contemporary History has collected such material for several decades and it may serve as the basis for both academic studies and radio and television programmes. But considerably more support is needed to continue and complete this project.

Yours sincerely,

WALTER LAQUEUR, Director,  
Institute of Contemporary History  
and Wiener Library Limited,  
4 Devonshire Street, W1.  
August 25.

## Of a different feather

From the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Sierra Leone

Sir, I was able, in the course of my last transit through London in early August, to secure a copy of *The Second Cicada*, which I understand was only made available on the bookshelves a week or so before.

Though it was somewhat late in the season, it still reads and sounds as if a family is treated to a wise voice reading of some of the amusing selections.

I beg to remain one of your no doubt innumerable cuckoo supporters, or shall I say watchers in the tropics of the *Musophagidae* family. Yours faithfully,

ABDUL A. O. CONTEH,

Gloucester Street,  
Freetown.

Sierra Leone.

August 22.

## Religion and ratings

From the Reverend Dr Colin Morris

Sir,

Your leader (August 18) raises

crucially important issues affecting

not just religious broadcasting

but general Christian strategy.

Underlying all the discussion about

the scheduling of religious pro-

grammes on television are basic



## COURT AND SOCIAL

### BALMORAL CASTLE

August 28: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The sermon was preached by the Reverend Colin Martin.

Mr Charles Wright had the honour of greeting received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkhas (The Siwalik Rifles), this afternoon at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel N. M. Hayes on assuming command of 1st Battalion.

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Xth World Petroleum Congress at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward Adeane, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

### CLARENCE HOUSE

August 27: Lady Jean Rankin has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE

August 27: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Gloucester Guards, this afternoon visited Gloucester Centre and was present at their Summer Fete at Orton Longueville, Peterborough.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a performance of *Hay Fever* at the Queen's Theatre, in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund and the Princess of Wales's Charities Trust, on October 24.

Princess Anne will attend the Hockney Horse Society's centenary dinner at Saddlers' Hall on October 24.

## Exam system fails to satisfy teachers

By Lucy Hedges, Education Correspondent

Discontent with the present school examination system has probably never been more intense, certainly among teachers. Accordingly, a number of reforms are under active consideration.

One proposal, mooted for more than 10 years, has been to have one examination at 16 instead of what is widely regarded as the divisive O-level and CSE system.

However, another reform, of more recent origin and with greater repercussions for education is gaining increasing support. Its aim is to test pupils at frequent intervals on a specific range of skills and knowledge.

Both the Oxford examination board (the Oxford University of Local Examinations) and the Inner London Education Authority, in conjunction with the London examination board, are now developing what have become known as "graded tests".

The idea is to give most children, and subsequently their employers, an accurate guide to what pupils can do, as opposed to the present examination system which provides a very rough-and-ready guide to whether a child is above or below average in intelligence.

Under the present system children have to endure long courses and their performance is "norm-referenced". This means that a student's achievement is measured in relation to the average, not according to what he or she can do.

By definition about half the candidates being below average, fail their examinations. They have nothing to show for their two years study of a GCE or CSE syllabus and employers have no idea what skills have been mastered.

By comparison "criterion referencing" by graded tests would assess whether a pupil could or could not do something very specific.

If he or she had passed the first level in mathematics, employers and others would know they were recruiting a person who could definitely do a list of things. Passing say, O-level mathematics guarantees nothing of the kind. Because a pupil was very good at geometry he or she might scrape a pass. At the same time he might be quite unable to manage decimals.

## Theatre may go dark

One of Glasgow's newest theatre clubs faces the possibility of being unable to stage any production in the last quarter of the current season because of a lack of funds.

The Glasgow Theatre Club, which has its never-refurbished premises in the former Trod Church at the city's Trongate, is unable to book any productions for 1984 because, in the words of

the theatre's publicity officer, "the coffers are bare".

But the theatre's future may still be secured by Glasgow District Council which has not as yet decided on the size of its annual grant to the theatre. It is hoped that the council will offer something closer to £30,000 than the £18,000 awarded last year.

The theatre opened in May, 1981, amid a blaze of publicity.

### Science report

## Colonies of ants thrive on slave labour

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

All worker ants are far from equal. Indeed recent research shows some ant colonies to have a rigid hierarchy remarkably similar to bands of apes and monkeys.

Dr Nigel Franks, of Bath University, and Dr Edward Sceatt, of Harvard University, outline their findings in the current issue of *Nature*.

They investigated a North American ant *Harpagoxenus americanus* whose "workers" do not perform ants' normal work of foraging for food. That is done by "slave" ants of a different species, which they capture while still immature (by raiding nests).

The two biologists could study social interactions between the workers because *Harpagoxenus* forms relatively small colonies with a queen, no more than 10 slave-making workers and 200 slaves.

The outcome showed the worker hierarchy to be almost perfectly "linear". Franks and Sceatt observed that the higher-ranking ant came out on top in 99 per cent of encounters.

Ants at the top of the pecking order get more food from

slaves. A dominant worker often interrupted the feeding of a low-ranking sister and forced the slave to feed it instead (all the workers are female). Indeed the researchers never saw a subordinate ant being fed when a higher-ranking worker was near by.

The dominant workers used their extra food energy to produce more eggs and therefore offspring. Franks and Sceatt say: "The ultimate advantage of dominance is that high-ranking workers are able to produce more sons than subordinate workers."

Another interesting reflection of the hierarchy was that low-ranking workers had to do the colony's most risky job: scouting for nests of other ant species to raid for slaves.

Occasionally, however, subordinate workers would mutiny after a raid. Instead of returning home they stayed in the raided nest with the captured brood. This grew into a new slave labour force and then the slave-making workers could start to raid for slaves.

Thus by instigating a slave raid a subordinate worker may still be able to become a "mother", Franks and Sceatt say.

Source: *Nature* (vol. 304, pages 724-725) August 25, 1983.

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RACING: GORYTUS TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES AFTER FAILING AGAIN

# Final chapter in the 'wonder horse' story

By Michael Seely

Gorytus is unlikely to run in England again after his disappointing performance when Monteik in the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood on Saturday. Dick Hern, his trainer, said yesterday that he had not yet been able to contact Mrs J. Mills, the horse's owner in the United States, but that he thought it likely that Gorytus would be returning to that country.

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Horses possess an infinite capacity for deceiving people, even as a trainer of such outstanding ability as Hern, it was widely known before the 2,000 Guineas that Hern considered it unlikely that Gorytus would be able to do himself justice in the soft ground without the

benefit of a previous outing. This was confirmed after the horse had finished fifth in the London Cup at Newmarket on Saturday. Dick Hern, his trainer, said yesterday that he had not yet been able to contact Mrs J. Mills, the horse's owner in the United States, but that he thought it likely that Gorytus would be returning to that country.

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On this occasion Neoclassical was conceding 8lb more than weight for age to the entire field and ran a

magnificent race to finish such a close third. "He's had such a buoyant season that I thought he might be getting tired," Gavin Pritchard-Gordon said. "Neoclassical will have a rest before his final run in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket."

Sandhurst Prince also excelled himself. After making most of the running last year's winner faded in the last furlong to finish fourth. Guy Harwood had thought it likely that Sandhurst Prince would need this race after his lengthy absence from the course and was looking forward to running the four-year-old in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot's September meeting.

The Polbrough trainer was also delighted with Lear Fan's eight lengths victory in the Fitzroy House Stakes at Newmarket. This win emphasized the strength of Harwood's hand in the two-year-old department and he will now have to choose between Lear Fan, Rousson and Raft for the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster.

Thoughts of Greville Starkey's disqualification after winning the Drawing Room Stakes on Bluff

the previous day were revived after watching the big race. Adonis finished strongest of all and it certainly appeared that Henry Cecil's three-year-old had been unlucky. Lester Piggott had tried repeatedly to obtain a clear run in the last three furlongs and it looked as though the maestro had been inhibited in his efforts to win the race because of the strict penalties now being enforced.

The highlights of this afternoon's feast of racing, with six meetings on the Flat and five under National Hunt rules, are the Moet and Chandon Silver Magnum at Epsom, the Kenya Stakes at Newcastle and the Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy at Ripon.

Tim Thomson-Jones and Noble Gift look a difficult combination to beat in the "Amateur Riders Derby" at Epsom. Peter Walwyn's assistant trainer will be trying to win this race for the third time. Michael Stoute's four-year-old has run consistently well in good company this season.

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## Epsom

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.

For Double: 3.5, 4.0, Treble: 2.30, 3.35, 4.45

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## HORIZONS

The Times guide to career training

## Non-vocational studies can prove fruitful

Here is a puzzle for the parents of A-level students. When is a degree course apparently full but actually empty? The answer is: When it is at a Polytechnic.

Many students in recent months will have applied to polytechnics and institutes of higher education as a safety measure in case their UCAS application failed. But now that the A-level results are published, large numbers of those applicants will move away, leaving the polytechnics and institutes with thousands of vacant places. The lesson is that as long as you have the minimum entry requirements (of two GCE A-levels and three O-levels) there is still everything to play for.

The range of degree courses outside the universities is very broad, embracing both arts and science vocational and non-vocational subjects. Although government policy during the next two or three years is likely to move in favour of these courses with a specific career outlet there are still many options in humanities and liberal studies. History, English, drama, geography, social studies are all well represented, in addition to the pure sciences.

As school-leavers become more selective and critical of what colleges can offer, they may well question the validity of participating in such courses on the ground that rising graduate unemployment is hitting them hardest. In statistical terms, their anxieties are justified. Recent figures show, for example, that 14.3 per cent of polytechnic history students were unemployed compared with a mere 1.7 per cent law students. And there was 12.9 per cent unemployment among modern linguists compared with 2.9 per cent for the mathematicians and computer experts.

Although there is no dispute that such figures clearly indicate the vulnerability to the dole queue of the non-university, non-vocational degree student, that is not the end of the story. There are still potent attractions in being a student for three or four years, and many would claim that there are also general benefits from higher education which enhance the student's employability regardless of degree subject.

For example, according to Anne Venables, the senior tutor at Worcester Institute of Higher Education, only four out of 150 of her non-vocational students failed to find employment last year. This she thought was because of the careful nurturing of individuals during the course and a lot of activity and support from the college's career adviser. Because of the small-scale nature of the institution there was room within the combined studies degree to develop high levels of communication-skills, analytical and

In a third article on degree courses outside universities, Edward A. Fennell discusses some non-traditional outlets

problem-solving powers and to equip students with computing and numeracy. As a result, the graduates were able to demonstrate personal qualities acquired through the course even though the subject matter had no specific career relevance.

Some courses are more vocational than they might appear. The degree in English and media studies at Dorset Institute of Higher Education is a good example of this. In the last year a number of full and part-time staff have been recruited from people with solid broadcasting experience. The aim of the course now is to prepare students for entry into local radio, newspapers, video companies and so on. There are even negotiations going on for the course to be recognized for accreditation by the joint advisory council for the training of radio journalists.

This move represents, in fact, a recognition by the colleges of the need to meet demands from students for an orientation towards the job market. Academic worthiness is no longer self-sufficient. Courses like people are being judged on results.

For most students, employment success has to be a big priority even though they may not be clear about their particular destination. Few 18-year-olds can afford to be nonchalant about their career. But clearly the interest of the course has to be taken into account. Because many of the non-vocational courses at polytechnics and institutes are still very new they often provide a freshness and originality which some of the university courses lack.

They also offer a breadth which is absent from many of the traditional, strict, single discipline courses. The overall level of all courses is maintained through the external

## Guide for job-hunters

Graduates and school leavers who persistently fail at interviews for a job application will welcome the second revised edition of Martin Highman's excellent book *Coping With Interviews*, published last month.

The text is a highly personalized guide to the various stages of interviews. The author, who is group recruitment manager for Rowntree Mackintosh, draws on his extensive experience of interviewing school leavers, apprentices, clerks, super-

visors, solicitors, graduates and engineers over a period of 30 years. The six chapters define the role of the interview, give advice and information on the preparation and application stages, highlight useful strategy and tactics to employ, and emphasize the need for single minded determination.

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# Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Lee

## BBC 1

6.00 *Ceefax* AM, News, sport, weather and travel information to promote interest amongst those with no decoders.

6.30 *Breakfast Time*, Nick Ross, and Mike Smith link news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30; regional news at 8.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; morning papers at 7.32, 8.32; *Financial Times* at 8.45, 7.00; *Finance* between 8.45-7.00; *Food and cooking* 8.45-9.00.

9.00 *Chock-a-Block*. For infants, 9.15 *Hey Look ... That's Me!* Chris Harris finds a young pop group, Laughter in the Garden. 8.40 *Jackson*: The Multiplying Glass, part one (r). 8.45 *He'll Call the Wrap*, 10.00. 8.45 *John Hart* (r). 10.20 *Poghorn Leghorn* (cartoon).

10.25 *Bugs Bunny's Mad World of Television* (cartoon feature). 10.52 *Weather*.

10.55 *Bank Holiday Grandstand*. Desmond Lynn presents *Test Cricket*. Last day's play between England and New Zealand at Trent Bridge at 11.00, 1.40, 2.10, 2.40, 3.10; *Motorcycling*: British Grass Track Grand Prix from Silverstone at 1.10; *Horse racing* from Ripon, covering 2.00, 2.30, and 3.00; *International Athletics*: The Nike Games from Crystal Palace, between England, Scotland, Poland and Norway, to end the season. *Overs*, *Cram* and *Walls* are expected to compete, from 3.10; *International Show Jumping* from Hickstead at about 3.10; Final score at 4.45.

5.10 *News*, weather, 5.20 *Sports Results*.

5.25 *Disney Time*, Bob Monkhouse visits Disney World in Florida between clips from favourite films.

6.10 *Knockout Star Gals*. Not quite class warfare as Nigel Dempster leads his all-star team against a Bally Dally dozen in this celebrity *It's a Knockout*. Stirling Moss, Helen Shapiro, Bonita Langford and Russell Grant are amongst the 'elite', while Sharon Davies, Paul Squire and Imagination held for Mr Dally. Stuart Hall, as always, was equally excited.

7.40 *Film: The Adventures of the Wilderness Family* (1975). They're the Robinsons, the actors, not Swiss in this instance, but West Coast American and their apparently true life adventures making out in the Rocky Mountains led to two sequel films. In this TV movie, Robert F. Logan, Susan Dantone Shaw and kids take to the mountains to exchange petrums and muggers for cougars, wolves and a grizzly bear. Stewart Platoff directed from his own script.

9.20 *Mastermind International*. The dread leather chair sits in the spotlight at Oxford University's Sheldonian Theatre, awaiting four national finalists, including our man Christopher Hughes, the London tube train driver, whose special subject is British steam locomotives. Others include Bob Dylan, Napoleon III and the outbreak of World War One in this toughest of television general knowledge quizzes.

Opponents are from Australia, New Zealand and Ireland.

9.55 *News*, weather with Richard Whitemore.

10.15 *The Edinburgh Military Tattoo*, Tom Fleming introduces Rorid highlights of musical life and drum from Edinburgh Castle.

11.26 *New Headlines*.

11.30 *Phil Silvers*. Bilk devotes another crafty plan, to finance a trip to New York (r).

11.55 *Weather and closedown*.

PREVIOUS: 1.30pm, 10.25pm/265m, 10.09kHz/275m; Radio 2: 6.03kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF 90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m; VHF 92-95; EBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/209m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 548kHz/463m.

## TV-am

6.25 *Good Morning Britain* Mike Morris and Anne Diamond make small talk between news bulletins at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00. 8.30-9.00: *Sport* at 6.45; 8.45; 9.00; *morning papers* at 7.25 and 8.25; *Pop video* at 7.55; *Ost Highlights* with Diana Dors at 7.10; *Star Romance* at 8.05, with Arthur English; *Roland Rat* scampering round York from 8.00-9.25.

## ITV/LONDON

9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 *Time: Whom the Gods Wish to Destroy* (1968): Dipping into the depths of history by playing the role of her chosen, the Queen of Sheba, Helen Lancaster in *WATERS OF THE MON* (Radio 4, 3.00pm). N.C. Hunter's drawing room drama. As Christmas comes besiege a remote hotel on Dartmoor, the extrovert Mrs Lancaster sweeps in, flanked by husband and daughter, and shakes the residents out of their

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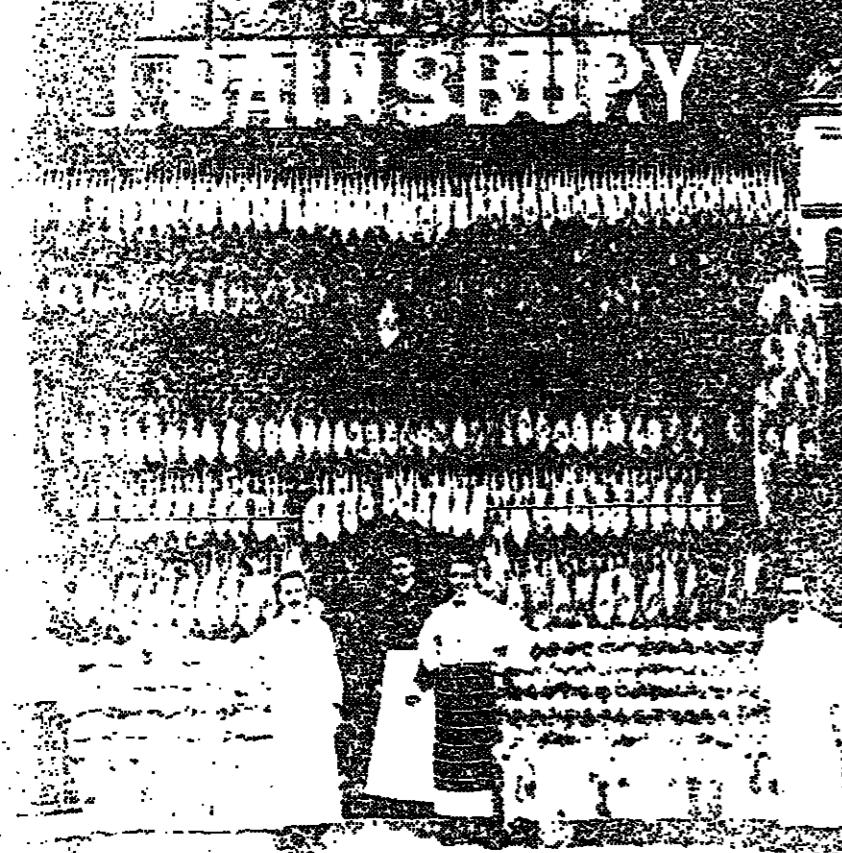
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Fresh today: A Sainsbury's supermarket at Nine Elms stocks wet fish (above) and Christmas poultry is displayed at a shop in Watford in 1906 (below).



## Food sales title moves away from the 'cloth cap'

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

J. Sainsbury, the London-based retail chain, has after a see-saw battle of just over six months won the title of Britain's biggest-selling grocer. The company has wrested it from the Co-op, the stumbling giant of the high street.

There are some hard commercial reasons why Sainsbury is surging ahead. But there are others, rather less definable, which have to do with the Co-op's cloth-cap image and the way multiples like Sainsbury have taken the most advantage of changes in social patterns that are emerging in what, and how, people buy.

In the package grocery market, which accounts for around 40 per cent of all food trade, Sainsbury has just scored its biggest monthly lead, nearly a full percentage point ahead of the Co-op, authoritative sources say.

The Co-op, which is an amalgam of 135 different retail societies throughout the country, has been level with or ahead of Sainsbury three times this year, according to monthly trade estimates.

But the average performance has now crucially swung in Sainsbury's favour. Over the first seven months of this year the Sainsbury average comes out at 15.57 per cent, against the Co-op's 15.34 per cent. Taking in two December soundings pushed the Co-op average to 15.43 per cent.

In the food market as a whole Sainsbury now claims rather more than 9 per cent share. The latest Co-op estimate, for 1982, was that it then held 8.7 per cent of the food market, down from 9.2 per cent the year before.

One question is how far the two contenders are in different markets as shopping, and eating, habits have changed. Modern supermarkets are geared to car-borne shoppers, who in one stop pick up a week's or month's household needs.

In the supermarkets fruit and vegetables have seldom been crisper-looking; their butchery is taking trade from local butchers. The fishmonger's slab of fresh offerings is being reintroduced in many supermarkets after a period when traditional wet fish outlets have been declining. The balmy smell of freshly-baked bread wafts along the food aisles from in-store bakeries.

Sainsbury quickly seized on the changes, first in its southern stronghold, but with a progressive move north, into Yorkshire and Lancashire. It has opened more than 230 supermarkets, of which 45 are supermarket-style, with another nine supermarkets due to open this year. A further five are due next year, mostly in the north.

The Sainsbury aim is to build customer confidence. Quality

**SOARING PROFITS ...**  
SAINSBURY'S  
PRETAX PROFITS

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80  
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20 ... SLIDE TO LOSSES  
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INVESTMENT  
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Last May reported  
CO-OP RETAIL

100  
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1979 1980 1981 1982 1983

INVESTMENT AS % OF SALES  
SAINSBURY 7.13%  
CO-OP 2.46%

SAINSBURY CO-OP

Source: Trade estimates

service, low prices, convenience, hygiene are all elements in creating the total shopping experience. To spice that up Sainsbury is launching new products at the rate of 350 a year, some under its own label and others from key manufacturers.

Mr Robin Whitbread, Sainsbury's director of marketing, said: "Consistency and flexibility are fundamental to our success. Consistency in offering value for money regardless of how strong price competition is; flexibility in responding to ever-changing customer needs which are a direct result of changing lifestyles".

Catering for the needs of the increased number of working wives was crucial, including longer shop hours, which Sainsbury has extended by nearly a quarter over the past four years, Mr Whitbread added.

Some of the differences between Sainsbury and the Co-op can be discerned from their relative sales of certain goods.

Market share  
in package groceries

January	February	March	April	May	June	July
5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1

Source: Trade estimates

The Co-op is the top seller of tea bags (and, less expensively, of coffee bags). It is the number one crispbreads seller, but Sainsbury sells the most wine.

In one week in July, of all fresh fruit juices sold, Sainsbury accounted for 26.9 per cent, while the Co-op sold 12.5 per cent. The Co-op sold more canned food: 16.6 per cent, against Sainsbury's 11.5 per cent.

The Co-op traditionally has tended to sell to the lower socio-economic groups. But at the new Co-op supermarket at Yiewsley in London, Mr Philip Spicer, national manager (food) for Manchester-based Co-operative Retail Services (CRS), said: "In our better, newer stores we are getting the same sort of cross-section of people that any of our competitors are getting".

One reason for the Co-op's faltering sales performance is that while it has been phasing out an historical backlog of old, smaller retail outlets, it has, because of funding problems, been slower than its rivals in switching to more modern stores.

Only a few individual societies moved quickly into superstores. Co-op retail investment as a percentage of sales is barely a third of Sainsbury's, although CRS, the biggest Co-op retailer, invests at twice the Co-op average.

The Co-op has 55 superstores and 1,580 supermarkets. Yet Sainsbury, with fewer outlets, has mounting profits, while the Co-op retail losses grow.

That points to a Co-op productivity problem, underlined by its much lower sales per square foot compared with other key multiple grocers, as measured by the Institute of Grocery Distribution.

The problem for the Co-op is speeding up the conversion from old to modern stores before the stock potential sites starts running out in a few years' time.

Sainsbury is not complacent. Mr Whitbread said: "A good reputation is fine, but in the high street you cannot rest on that. You have got to keep getting it right".

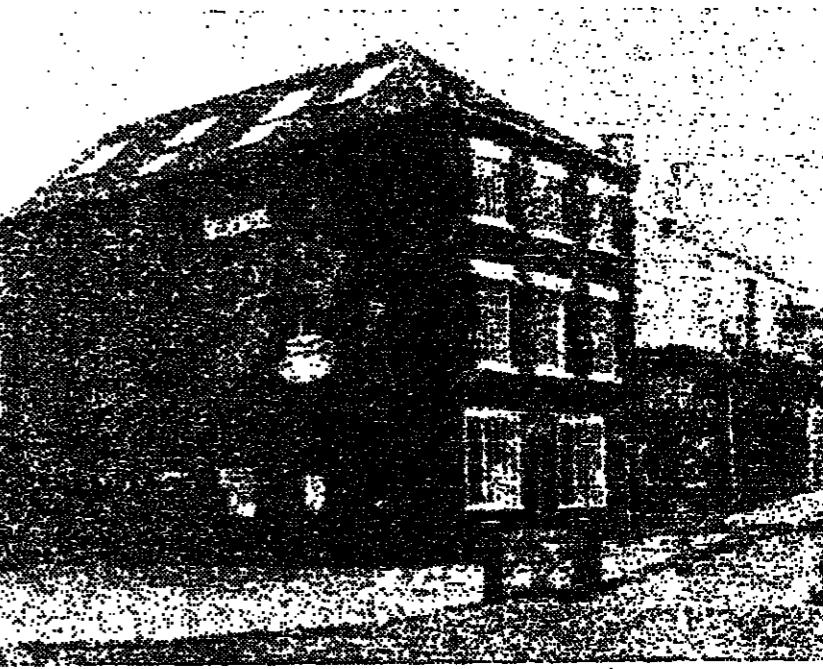
The point is underlined by the recent growth of food sales by Marks & Spencer, which has concentrated on the development of fresh produce and prepared dishes for dinner parties.

Food now accounts for nearly two-fifths of all Marks' United Kingdom sales, placing the company among the top six food suppliers.

At the volume end of the business, Sainsbury is also under pressure from the other multiples which have been expanding into superstores. Tesco Stores in the package grocery market now has a 14.5 per cent share.



Sliced profits: A shopper at the CRS store at south Ealing (above) and the first Co-op premises, which opened in Rochdale in 1844 (below).



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### Today's events

#### Royal engagement

Princess Anne will attend the gala performance of the National Dance Company of Korea at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, 7.30.

#### Music

Concert by Crookneke Concert Band, Parade Gardens, Crookneke, 3.15-4.30.

Gamelan Orchestra, Bali concert, The Royal Scottish Museum lecture theatre, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 12 noon.

Somerset Chamber Orchestra, North Petherton Minister, 7.30.

General

Craft and Flower Festival All Saint's Parish Church, Chigwell Road, Essex, 11 to 7.

Dunholme Festival, Festival Gala, Villages Hall, Dunholme, Lincoln, 11 to 4.

City of Leicester Show, Abbey Park, Leicester, 9.30 to 10.00.

Leicester City Canine Society Championship Show, Braunstone Park, Braunstone Avenue, Gaddesden Avenue, Leicester.

Last chance to see

Ludlow Art Society summer exhibition, Ludlow College Hall, Castle Street, Ludlow, Mon to Sun 10.30 to 4 (closes today).

Exhibitions in progress

Work of Sardio Chia, figurative painter, Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 7, Sun 2 to 6 (closes Sept 17).

British Sporting Prints, Chesterfield, Phoenix Gallery, Chesterfield, Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Oct 25).

Work by Karen Ray and Stuart Ray, Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 6 (closes Oct 20).

15th Drawing, 1555-1837, White Man's Music, sculpture by Nathan Kemps - archaeological excavations from the lost machine age, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield, Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Oct 21).

Bolton Museum, the first hundred years: paintings by Sam Towers (1852-1943), new landscape in Bolton, Lithographs by Anthony Davie and photographs by Ian Ingram, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, Lancs, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 6 (closes Sept 25).

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Nature notes

On a few lakes and ponds, little grebes and great crested grebes are still nesting. Many other adults still have noisy young birds following them about on the water; in both species the fledglings have a piping call like a loud digital watch giving the alarm. By lonely pools, the first green sandpipers are seen on their way down from the Scandinavian swamps; they rise with a ring cry, spiral into the sky and dip down to the water.

More and more bird are nesting in the east coast. Knots feed on the sand in closely-packed flocks. Spotted redshank, with their short, dry call-note, join the common redshank who breed on the coast, and whose musical outbursts fill the night as the tide shifts them from their feeding-places.

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